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Anger as new survey reveals one third of people feel 'ripped off' by Southeastern

RAIL company Southeastern has been accused of an "abuse of dominance" after a survey revealed more than a third of rail passengers believe they are not getting value for money.

The survey was carried out late last year – before above-inflation fare hikes saw some ticket prices rise by more than 10 per cent.

It exposed Southeastern as one of the worst rail companies in the UK for customer satisfaction.

In another blow for commuters, it was revealed this week that British passengers are paying more per mile than any others in Europe.

Under-fire Southeastern, whose parent company Govia made £66 million profit last year, is still refusing to reveal how much money it is making out of Kent passengers.

The company receives massive subsidies from the Government but has repeatedly refused to reveal its profits.

EXCLUSIVE

By **PHIL REILLY**

Viv Hudson, from Kent-based passenger group CommutersCount2, said passengers were "getting ripped off".

She said: "It is an abuse of dominance because there is no other rail company we can travel on. There is no free market.

"It can only get worse unless the railways are nationalised, but that is not going to happen."

The survey, carried out by consumer group Passenger Focus between September and December, ranked Southeastern 17th out of the UK's 21 rail companies for customer satisfaction.

Tunde Olatunji, Passenger Focus' Southeastern spokesman, said he was concerned the operator ranked lower than neighbours Southern and South West Trains.

He said: "South West is 10th and Southern is 13th in overall satisfaction. Why are we 10, 15, 20 per cent behind some of the scores South Western has? These are similar sized companies.

"Passengers want as much of the additional money they are spending to be spent on improvements as possible.

"If people aren't getting value for money and then fare rises have gone up significantly – it has been the biggest increase Southeastern passengers have ever experienced – it is obvious people will feel they're getting even less value for money."

The survey found that just over 75 per cent of passengers were satisfied or very satisfied with Southeastern's service and 80 per cent said they were happy with its punctuality and reliability.

A further 68 per cent said they were happy with the upkeep and repair of the trains, although half were unhappy with the

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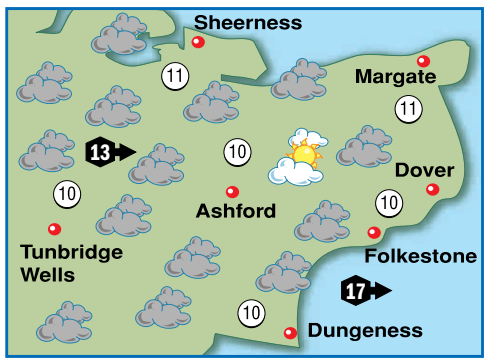
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TONIGHT: Dry with a lot of cloud and a few mist patches. Gentle westerly winds. Min temp 3-6C (37-43F).

Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	12	54	London	cloudy	10	50
Belfast	cloudy	10	50	Liverpool	cloudy	12	54
Birmingham	cloudy	11	52	Manchester	cloudy	11	52
B'mouth	cloudy	11	52	Newcastle	cloudy	12	54
Bristol	fair	9	48	Norwich	fair	11	52
Cardiff	cloudy	10	50	Oxford	cloudy	10	50
Cork	cloudy	10	50	Southsea	cloudy	10	50
Edinburgh	cloudy	11	52	S'hampton	cloudy	10	50
Glasgow	cloudy	11	52	Southport	sun	10	50
Isle of Man	cloudy	11	52	Swansea	cloudy	9	48
Leeds	cloudy	10	50	Torquay	fair	10	50

Sun & moon

Sunrise	7.42am	Sunset	4.34pm
Moonrise	10.53pm	Moonset	9.19am

Lighting up times: 4.34pm to 7.41am

High Tides

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Dover	01.48	6.6	14.07	6.2	02.24	6.4	14.45	6.0
Margate	02.48	4.7	15.22	4.4	03.23	4.6	15.56	4.3
St Mary's	07.40	5.4	19.59	5.0	08.15	5.1	20.35	4.8

Week ahead

monday Cloudy. Dry. max 8C min 6C
tuesday Overcast. max 11C min 7C
wednesday Rain at times. max 9C min 5C
thursday Windy. Showers. max 8C min 3C
friday Possible snow. max 6C min 1C
saturday Wintry showers. max 5C min 2C

Deaths will not stop police using bullets

By **JAMIE McGINNES**
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ARMED officers in Kent will carry on using live bullets – despite three people being shot dead by police in the county in the last 14 months.

Ann Barnes, chairman of Kent Police Authority (KPA), which oversees the force's work, defended the use of live rounds.

And she insisted that the authority was doing its job and holding Kent Police to account after shootings took place.

Earlier this month, national pressure group Inquest voiced its concern over the number of people gunned down in Kent by police.

Helen Shaw, co-director of Inquest said that police too often resorted to shooting to kill, rather than non-lethal options.

The police authority told this newspaper that police in Kent already use alternatives such as rubber bullets, Taser stun guns, batons – 'bean bag' rounds – and dogs like Belgium Malinois.

But a KPA spokeswoman said there were no plans to phase out live bullets altogether.

"The authority fully supports Kent Police in their need to protect the public. We recognise and accept that in some very rare circumstances that there may be a lethal response to an incident.

"However, as an authority we make available a wide range of less-lethal options."



STUN: Police have 'less-lethal options'

Mrs Barnes defended armed officers' use of live rounds.

"I have every confidence in our firearms department," she said.

"We have to remember they have a demanding role in protecting the public and have to make a decision in a split second."

She said the Independent Police Complaints Commission is told straight away if there is a fatal shooting. KPA then ensures lessons are learnt, said Mrs Barnes.

"One of our key roles is to hold Kent Police to account so we undertake a detailed and often challenging examination of these events.

"We have regular operational updates from the Chief Constable where our members can challenge and ask questions.

"After any IPCC investigation the authority always looks at the lessons learnt and what actions, if any, need to be put in place and we make sure they are."

Of the three shootings in Kent in the last 14 months, two involved officers from Kent Police.

Dayniel Tucker, 39, was shot dead by police marksmen in Stansted, near Sevenoaks, on December 29.

Punctuality

In June 2007, police gunned down a woman in the centre of Sevenoaks. Stores manager Ann Sanderson, 37, was shot once while carrying a ball-bearing gun.

And armed robber Robert Haines, 41, died after being shot by officers from the Metropolitan Police outside the Nationwide in New Romney in October 2006.

Before that, there have been no fatal shootings in the county for 10 years, said KPA.

Earlier this month, Sir Simon Milton, chairman of the Local Government Association, called for police authorities to be scrapped. Under his proposals, town halls would hold police forces to account instead.

KPA, which has 17 councillor, magistrate and independent members, has an annual budget of £1.056 million.

A review by Sir Ronnie Flanagan, Chief Inspector of Constabulary, looking at how police resources are managed, accountability, neighbourhood policing and bureacracy, is to be published by the Home Office on February 4.

'It's not good enough', says MP

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availability of staff and the state of the toilets. A quarter also felt there was insufficient room to stand or sit.

A Kent on Sunday investigation this month revealed hundreds of millions of pounds of taxpayers' money were being handed to Southeastern, a private company.

Roger Gale, the Conservative MP for North Thanet, has called for greater transparency from the company and last week asked the Government to reveal how much of the its revenue came from subsidies.

The Department for Transport refused to give the figure and claimed "franchise income is commercially sensitive information".

Mr Gale told Kent on Sunday the response was "not good enough".

He said: "This is taxpayer money, it is your money and it is my money and we should remember that.

"It doesn't belong to the Government and they are spending it on our behalf.

"We have a right to know where it's going."

The company took over the running of services in Kent in April 2006 and in its first year received £135 million subsidy from the Government.

In 2007-08 it received £106.1m, and is due to get a further £89.7m in 2008-09.

Punctuality

Southeastern generated a revenue of £552.7m in its first year but refused to reveal its profits.

However, profit figures for its parent company Govia show it made more than £66m in 2006-07, up from £42.5m the previous year.

A Southeastern spokesman said it was encouraged by the survey results and that they would be taken account in future decision-making.

He said: "Many trends are moving in the right direction, with passengers saying they've noticed improvements in ticket-buying facilities, overall station environments including cleanliness, upkeep and security, greater availability of staff, better travel information on trains and the way in which delays are handled.

"We know there's still much that can be done to offer an even better service, and we are hopeful that investment in staff training – £10 million is being spent on this alone; further improvements at stations – all 180 are being repainted and given new signage; and better punctuality – the aim is to have at least 93 per cent of trains running on time by the end of the franchise in 2014, will all help towards this end."

• ***Are you a commuter? We want to hear your views on the train services offered by Southeastern by emailing phil.reilly@kosmedia.co.uk.***

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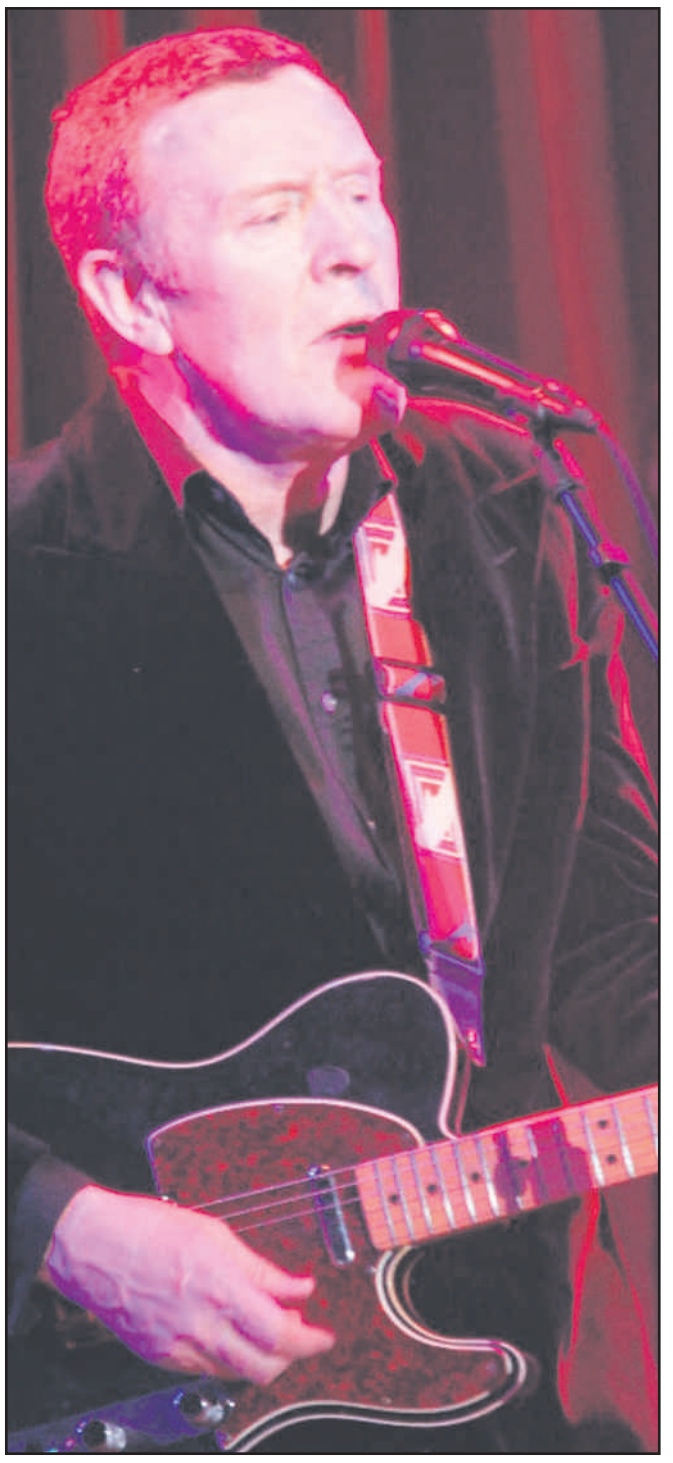
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PUB ROCKER: Hamish Stuart will front an all-star line up

Nothing average about this pub rocker's boozer

By **PHIL REILLY**
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PLAYING to 30 people in a pub might be a long way from crowds of 250,000 at the Maracana stadium in Brazil, but Hamish Stuart wouldn't have it any other way.

The veteran guitarist and singer found fame in the Average White Band and went on to tour some of the world's most impressive venues as part of Paul McCartney's band in the 1980s, but the rocker is now enjoying life as landlord of The Three Mariners pub in the village of Oare, near Faversham.

The man who penned classics such as Pick Up the Pieces and Let's Go Round Again took over the pub in November with his partner Claire Houlihan.

Mr Stuart is celebrating his new venture by reuniting with some old friends for a special gig this afternoon.

His band Jimjam, comprising guitarist Jim Mullen, drummer Ian Thomas, bass player Pino Palladino and keyboardist Graham Harvey, will be taking to the stage after lunch service has finished at 4pm to jam through the evening.

Between them they have worked with some of the top names in music.

As well as Paul McCartney, Mr Stuart has worked with Aretha Franklin, Chaka Khan and David Gilmour of Pink Floyd, whereas Mr Palladino has performed with the likes of Gary Numan, The Who and Genesis. Mr Thomas recently played with Eric Clapton.



LIVE: Hamish and Paul McCartney

Mr Stuart, 58, said he fell in love with Kent after moving to Faversham from London five years ago.

He said: "Running a pub here was something Claire and I had been wanting to do for some time.

"I love everything about the area, the experience of it, and it is great be near to the sea. We arrived in Faversham and took to it immediately. I liked the look of the place and the people."

Playing with Paul McCartney, and later touring America with Ringo Starr, was a big thrill for the boyhood Beatles fan.

"I learnt to play guitar by playing along with songs like Hard Day's Night, so it was great to be able to play them with Paul," he said.

"It came at the time when Paul really wanted to play old Beatles songs again, so I would find myself on stage in front of hundreds of thousands of people playing Beatles songs.

"It was crazy, but it was really good fun. He's a perfectionist but he just loves to play. The soundchecks used to go on nearly as long as the shows, and the shows were over two hours.

"It had a shelf life though, I'm a songwriter and I had to move on."

Mr Stuart is still very much involved in music, playing not only with Jimjam but also his own Hamish Stuart Band.

It is not all about the music though, as Mr Stuart is quick to point out. He is proud of the food served at the pub.

He and Claire recruited a talented London chef and set about making their pub grub a cut above the rest, and source just about everything from local farms and fishermen.

To watch footage of the opening show, visit www.yourkenttv.co.uk next week.

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Pupils set to sit 11-plus test in September

PRIMARY school pupils could be sitting their 11 plus exam at the beginning of the next school year.

Currently 10 and 11 year olds sit the Kent Test in January and must apply for secondary schools places before they receive their results.

A consultation by Kent County Council has revealed 60 per cent of parents want to see the grammar school entry exams moved three months earlier to the third week of September.

This would allow them to know their child's results before they choose which schools to apply to.

KCC is now considering moving the date and will set out its plans next month.

Mark Dance, KCC cabinet member for schools, said the move was about giving parents choice.

He said: "This is what parents want. What happens at the moment is that they take the test in January and have to choose their schools before they get their results.

"By moving it forward we would be allowing parents to choose based on ability."

The test measures pupils in three areas: verbal communication, non-verbal communication and mathematics.

Cllr Dance insisted moving the exams to an earlier date would not make it harder for pupils to prepare.

Kent County Council currently has 33 grammar schools, more than any other authority in the UK.

French ban border guards using X-rays

AUTHORITIES in Calais have banned British border guards from using X-rays to scan for illegal immigrants in lorries.

UK immigration officials must ask for the written permission of stowaways first, according to reports.

The French claim use of the scanners without permission would breach European health and safety laws.

It is said that the scanners have helped cut the number of immigrants arriving at Dover by 88 per cent.

Adam Holloway, the Tory MP for Gravesham, slammed the move.

He said: "This appears extremely convenient for the French authorities who, once again, have come up with an excuse to move the problem of immigration to British soil.

"It is also yet another example of European Union over-regulation."

The British Government says the health risks from the scanners, which use gamma rays, are virtually non-existent.

The French authorities have apparently based their decision on European regulations designed to protect the public from radiation.

A British Government source was quoted as saying: "The French have interpreted the regulations to say that written permission is needed from an individual before they scanned."

Given that most stowaways do not want to be found, the possibility of their giving such permission is unlikely.



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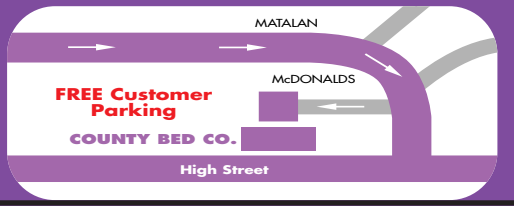
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TINSELTOWN: A film production crew on the set of The Calling, which was shot at locations around the east of the county last summer

Roll the cameras

New KCC fund to entice film and TV makers

EXCLUSIVE

By **JENNA PUDELEK**

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KENT County Council is preparing to unveil ambitious proposals to attract film-makers and television production companies to the county.

The authority wants to set up a development fund to plug money into helping independent film-makers and support mainstream production companies.

It believes that through investment and encouraging film and television industries to locate in Kent the economic benefits will run into millions of pounds.

Tanya Oliver, KCC's head of strategic development, is heading up the Kent Film and Television Strategy 2008–2012 project.

She said public money will be invested in the development fund. "We have not committed any money yet, we are committed to the principle but have not decided how much."

Benefits

"We are in talks with the South East England Development Agency, Screen South and Maidstone Studios, to see what we can get from a range of partners."

A similar development fund in Wales is worth £7million and in Yorkshire £1.2million is spent annually.

Mrs Oliver said it was unlikely that the Kent fund would be as high. She said the authority hopes to secure around £500,000 to £1million to invest in the first year.

She said the regional development agencies covering Wales and Yorkshire had seen the benefits of the film industry to the local economy.

"It is the second fastest growth industry after the financial sector, which is strong evidence," added Mrs Oliver. "In the south they have not quite grasped that yet"

"Seeda has other priorities but it is happy to talk to us now so we have turned a corner and are able to demonstrate the direct benefits."

The Kent Film Office was set up in 2006 to promote Kent as a prime filming location. It receives £60,000 annually from KCC.

If the strategy is adopted, the office will work on 12 key priorities until 2012 including seeking to engage local communities in the film-making process and developing opportunities for young people in the industries.

Answering concerns that public money would be diverted away from other services such as social care and transport, she said:



HEAD OF STRATEGY: Tanya Oliver

"It would not be a case of money being lost from other services – the contribution would be quite small. The Kent Film Office is given such a tiny investment."

She said the recent Channel 4 production of Cape Wrath returned £2.5m to the local economy and employed 36 people.

Other recent films made in Kent include The Calling, The Other Boleyn Girl and Ruby Blue.

Mrs Oliver said: "There is really strong evidence that it stimulates the economy which is why we are doing it – there is no other reason."

She said there was great potential for growth at Maidstone Studios, pointing out that it hosted the UK shortlist for picking the Eurovision Song Contest entry and the Trisha show is filmed there.

KCC will show the strategy document to other organisations including Kent Police and district councils before it is passed to the authority's cabinet for a final decision.

Oscar-nominated actress Brenda Blethyn, who is chair of the Kent Film and Television Board, wrote the foreword to the strategy document.

She wrote: "Adopting the strategy will bring measurable benefits to the county: a positive national and international profile, inward investment, jobs, new businesses, additional tourists and training opportunities for graduates and school leavers. What could be more worthwhile?"

The board was formed to support and advise the Kent Film Office and other members include TV historian Dr David Starkey and Last of the Summer Wine actress Juliette Kaplan.

Mrs Oliver, who is acting head of communications at the county council, was the architect of Kent TV, the taxpayer-funded broadband TV service set up by KCC.

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Freight depot plans delayed

THE decision to build a controversial freight depot in a Kent village has been delayed by the Highways Agency.

The 270-acre Kent International Gateway is proposed for a site at Bearsted near Maidstone.

The road-to-rail depot, which it is claimed will create 3,500 jobs and provide room for 2,000 lorries, is planned for countryside near junction eight of the M20.

More than 3,500 people submitted comments to Maidstone Borough Council and the Highways Agency has now asked for more information before making its recommendation.

Developers have been asked to provide more detailed information about the site's potential impact on traffic and roads.

The delay means the proposal will no longer reach the council's planning committee by the original deadline of February 13.

Superbug chief gets her pay-off

THE SHAMED chief executive of the NHS trust at the centre of a fatal superbug scandal is getting a £75,000 pay-off.

Rose Gibb resigned ahead of a damning Healthcare Commission report into two outbreaks of Clostridium difficile, which led to the deaths of at least 90 patients, at Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust hospitals.

A trust spokesman said Miss Gibb had received severance pay despite the Health Secretary Alan Johnson's pledge that it would be withheld.

He said: "The trust has taken legal advice on the matter and following that advice she will be paid only her legal entitlement of six months salary."



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Bond fans find solace in title of new 007 movie

THE eagerly anticipated title to the next James Bond film has been revealed – Quantum of Solace.

It comes from a short story Ian Fleming wrote in the For Your Eyes Only collection.

In the original story, the Kent author's spy appears only in the background attending a boring dinner party in Nassau with a group of socialites he can't stand.

But reports suggest the 22nd film in the bond series will borrow nothing from the original tale and instead pick up where last year's Casino Royale left off.

Speculation also surrounds what filmmakers will do for the next feature as the only Fleming titles left are Risico, The Hildebrand Rarity and The Property of a Lady.

Daniel Craig will star for the second time as the legendary spy in the film which is due for release on November 7.

Film blogger Xan Brooks questioned whether it was the worst Bond title ever: "That sound you hear is a barrel being scraped."

Police march on the Home Office

AN ESTIMATED 18,500 police officers have attended a march and rally in central London to protest about pay.

Officers are furious with the Home Secretary for refusing to backdate an independently agreed pay deal to September, effectively reducing the 2.5 per cent pay rise to just 1.9 per cent.

Also this week, Kent Police Chief Inspector Jan Berry, chairman of the Police Federation, handed in a petition to 10 Downing Street and was due to meet with Home Secretary Jacqui Smith.

Ch Insp Berry has previously called for the Home Secretary to resign over the row, saying officers did not have any "trust or faith in her abilities".

A small number of uniformed police officers were deployed to the march to the Home Office, which has been entirely peaceful.

Speaking to Kent on Sunday in December, Kent Police Chief Constable Michael Fuller said the Home Secretary had "taken advantage" of his officers and left them feeling "demoralised and de-motivated".

A KENT Euro-MP has called for a ban on the sale of flick knives on the internet auction site Ebay.

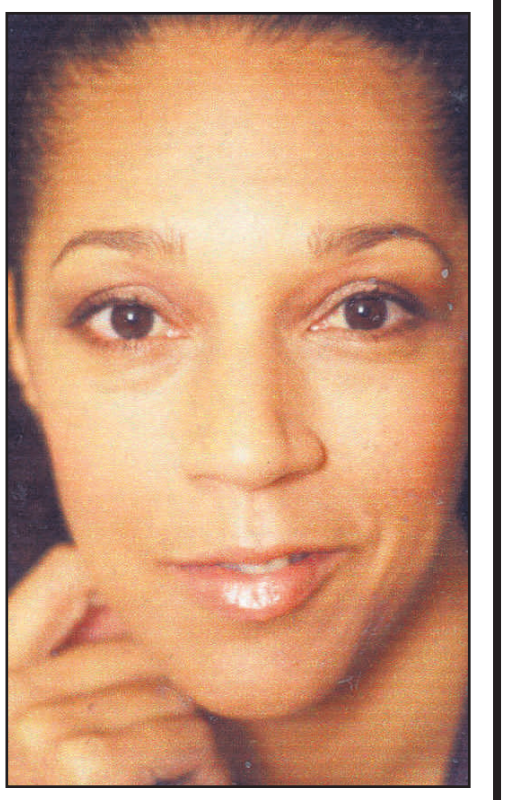
Nirj Deva, Tory MEP for the South East, claimed that although it is illegal for under-16s to buy knives, a five-second search for the word on Ebay gives them the chance to buy a knife without any form of background or age check.

Breaking new ground

Raised on a council estate, the woman who could become the UK's first black female Tory MP

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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STRONG BELIEFS: Helen Grant (above); and (left) as a child with her mother

A FAMILY lawyer stands to make history as Kent's – and the Conservative's – first black female MP.

Helen Grant, who was brought up by a single mother on a council estate in Carlisle, has been selected as Ann Widdecombe's successor to fight for the Maidstone and Weald seat at the next general election.

The former judo champion spoke to Kent on Sunday about race and gender in politics and her hopes and aspirations as a prospective parliamentary candidate.

Asked about her feelings on the prospect of becoming the county's first black MP, she said: "I'm just Helen. I see myself as Helen – not as black, green, blue or pink. I'm me and I'm a woman with very strong beliefs, which have carried me through life.

Appeal

"I believe I have pretty strong Conservative values of individualism, choice, freedom and free enterprise, which have driven me."

The Conservative Party has historically failed to put forward candidates from ethnic minority backgrounds but as Barack Obama takes the presidential primaries by storm the tide appears to be turning for the Tories too.

Mrs Grant, 43, credits David Cameron with changing the traditionally white male face of the party with his A-list to fast-track more women from ethnic minorities into winnable seats.

"This is one of the special aspects. Mr Cameron has really broadened our appeal and changed the Party in many ways and re-branded us.

"There are further challenges in the future but the fact I am from a diverse background will send a message about what we are about and I hope it serves as a good starting point," the mother of two teenagers said.

Asked whether she hopes her selection will open the doors and encourage more women from ethnic minorities to stand, she said: "It's happening – I think David Cameron spoke about his intentions and aspirations in this area from the start.

"I totally believe in opportunity and aspiration. It is what makes me tick. I've progressed from a humble start and I have a true belief that an individual should have the opportunity to achieve and progress wherever they are from and whatever they look like – that's what drives me."

Mrs Grant, whose father is Nigerian, said that it was Mr Cameron who inspired her to join the party.

"I had a later political awakening but I've been embraced, encouraged and mentored by a wonderful Tory party," she said.

Mrs Grant, who runs her own law firm specialising in family breakdown and community law, will be defending a 15,000 majority in the party's 10th safest seat.

She said: "I'm not a complacent person and in my mind I feel there's no such thing as a safe seat. I will be working extremely hard and leaving no stone unturned."

Mrs Grant said protecting Kent's countryside from "predatory developers" and helping the rural economy through supporting local suppliers and producers were among her key campaigning issues.

She said: "I would like to see Maidstone hospital putting its troubles behind it and becoming a fully functioning district general hospital at the centre of the community again."

In answer to claims that the Conservative Central Office had interfered in the candidate selection process to ensure there were two women in the final four, she said: "I don't make the rules but what I can say is that I stood in that election in my own name and reputation and I was happy to let others judge my worthiness.

"In my opinion the whole election was done on merit."

Mrs Grant said her childhood experiences with racist taunting had gone on to shape her beliefs today.

As the only person with dark skin growing up in a border city in the 60s and 70s, she faced bullying at school.

"The turning point came when I became a key member of many of the sporting teams at school. Although some of my playground enemies were in the teams when we were playing we had a common goal.

"I think it is very important that people integrate, it is important to focus on togetherness and community rather than trying so hard to provide for difference.

"Some of the people [at school] were not being nice but I was one of the stars and I found my way through by finding common ground," she said.

Asked whether she would like to see more black female MPs, she quipped: "I'd just like to see more Conservative MPs."

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Tory backing for the middle class school 'flankers'

By **PHIL REILLY**
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THE county council's education chief said he "broadly agrees" with David Cameron's defence of parents who fake religious conviction to get their children into faith schools.

The Conservative leader this week backed "middle-class parents with sharp elbows" who played the system, arguing that they had the best interests of their children at heart.

He described the parents as "active citizens" and claimed "most people are doing it because [the school] has an ethos and a culture".

Chris Wells, KCC's cabinet member for children, families and educational achievement, said he broadly agreed with Mr Cameron and said the practice was "happening in every faith school in the country".

He said: "I'm sure there are many parents who are prepared to work a bit of a flanker to get their children into a 'good school'."

Cllr Wells, who described himself as Christian but not of a particular denomination, said parents were prepared to "jump through hoops" to get their children into a good school.

He added: "Where you have a faith school you have a school that is dedicated to keeping marriages together and instilling self-discipline in pupils and defending family life, these are things that appeal to parents.

"A lot of faith schools are a bit of a mishmash when you get close to them. There is an Anglican school in east Kent for example that accepts Baptist children because it is the nearest faith school."

Father Jeff Cridland, a Catholic priest and chairman of governors at St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School in Aylesham, said the onus was usually on priests to write references for children to faith schools.

He said: "Good schools usually have good screening processes. It is up to the priests who write the references, but also the schools to read them properly."

Father Cridland said he never says anything negative about pupils, but picks his words when describing children whose parents are not devout.

He said: "If the parents go to church I might put on the form something like, 'Grace's mother always mentions it to me when I do a socialist sermon' or something like that.

"If they don't go to church regularly I might write, 'Billy is a lovely boy, I hope you have room for him'.

"It is not something that is an issue at St Joseph's because there are plenty of places, but certainly it was a factor when I was chairman of governors at a school in London."

A spokesman for the Church of England said it could not comment on the issue because it had "no evidence" that the practice was going on.



SCHOOL FORM: Conservative leader David Cameron supports pushy parents trying to get their children into the best faith schools in the state sector

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PRINCE Edward is giving his backing to a £24 million fundraising campaign for the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury.



Family GPs 'won't walk out' says minister

A MINISTER has dismissed the possibility of GPs walking out on the NHS in a row over working hours.

The British Medical Association (BMA) is to ballot its members on whether to accept new Government contracts forcing them to be more flexible with their working hours.

According to a leaked document, the BMA said Britain's 30,000 GPs may consider resigning if the Government does not back down.

But Ann Keen, a health minister, said: "I see this as part of the negotiations. I don't see it as anything that is likely to happen."

Dr Gary Calver, a Folkestone GP and BMA spokesman, said doctors were angry at the way they were being treated by the Government.

Kent GPs are due to attend two BMA-organised meetings in Canterbury and Maidstone next week to discuss the situation.





COUNCIL BUDGET REPORT

As council tax rise of 3.9 per cent is proposed,

Lib Dem plan 'could save county £20m'

THE leader of Kent's Liberal Democrats has slammed the council tax rise, claiming millions of pounds of "wasted money" could be trimmed from the budget.

Councillor Trudy Dean said the council could afford to keep tax stable or even cut it if costly schemes such as Kent TV and the £15million Turner Contemporary art gallery were scrapped.

Cllr Dean claimed more than £20m could be cut in total. She hit out at the amount of money the council spends on publicity and in particular the launch of online television service Kent TV.

Kent TV, which was launched in September, cost around £200,000 to set up and is expected to cost around £600,000 a year to run.

Speaking after the budget announcement, council leader Paul Carter said Kent TV was necessary to "communicate to the residents of Kent" and said the council was cutting the amount it spent on published publicity.

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Cllr Dean said: "There are all sorts of things it is spending money on that it doesn't need.

"Kent TV is a good example. It is only available to those who have a broadband service, which again means those on the lowest incomes are unable to access it.

"If you are producing material to tell taxpayers what services they are getting, it has to be available to all taxpayers, it can't be confined to Kent TV."

She said the council tax increase would hit vulnerable people and those on fixed and low incomes the hardest.

Cllr Dean pointed to a rise in domiciliary care charges last year as evidence that some of Kent's most vulnerable people were being neglected by the council.

The charges, which apply to disabled and elderly people who receive care at home, rose by up to £15 a week last year, meaning many are paying 85 per cent of their disposable income on care.

She said: "The council could have done more with this budget. It has risen in line with the state pension, but doesn't take into account other pressures on people, such as rising fuel and electricity prices."

The Liberal Democrats have also highlighted other ways it claims KCC has wasted money, including promoting flights to Virginia in America and paying the chief executive nearly £230,000.



WASTEFUL: Trudy Dean says KCC could have saved up to £20 million

Cllr Dean said that under the Liberal Democrats council tax would be scrapped entirely and replaced by a tax based on the ability to pay.

She added: "Council tax is based on the principle that people at the lower end pay one ninth of those at the top end.

"The disparity between David Beckham and someone who sweeps the road is much larger than one to nine. It is an unfair tax in the first place."

Keith Ferrin, KCC's cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, defended the council's spending.

He argued that the Turner Contemporary was "not frivolous" and was aimed at regenerating Margate.

He added: "I agree it doesn't sound like the most obvious way of doing it, but it has worked elsewhere. Look at the effect the Guggenheim has had for Bilbao.

"As for the chief executive Peter Gilroy's salary, he isn't getting any more than the going rate for the job."

KOS Media, the publisher of Kent on Sunday, provides a headline service to Kent TV, at no cost.

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Labour: Tories stole our idea

THE Kent Labour group wants to claim the credit for the reduced increase in council tax.

Opposition councillors claim that by reducing the council tax increase from 4.95 per cent last year to 3.9 per cent this year, so that it is in line with increases in pensions and benefits, the council is acting on Labour proposals from last year.

Derek Smyth, the shadow cabinet member for finance, said he was pleased the Tories had "finally recognised the force of our arguments".

He said: "KCC has been generously funded since Labour came to power, with above consumer price inflation increases year after year.

"As a consequence, the financial position of KCC has become more secure and not even the Tories can avoid a council tax increase in line with state pensions and benefits. It was possible last year."

Council leader Paul Carter has warned that council tax could increase further if a bid to get the Government to repay £10 million it has spent looking after underage asylum seekers is unsuccessful.

However, Labour leader Mike Eddy said: "No Government of whatever political complexion can hand out taxpayers' money willy-nilly. The claims must be properly authenticated.

"Issuing implied threats that council tax will rise if this Government does not pay up within a limited timeframe is tantamount to saying that we do not want the claims settled and that we positively want council tax payers to foot the bill.

"This is perverse in the extreme and putting party politics before the true interests of Kent council taxpayers."

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KCC faces criticism for money spent on Kent TV, gallery and wages

As your tax bill gets bigger, so do county hall wage packets



INTERVIEW: KCC leader Paul Carter talks to www.yourkenttv.co.uk

COUNCIL tax is set to increase by nearly four per cent as council staff are given a pay rise worth a total of £9million, ***writes Phil Reilly.***

Announcing the budget on Monday, Kent County Council leader Paul Carter said the authority has had to put up the tax in order to avoid cutting vital services to children, vulnerable people and the elderly.

It includes a 2.5 per cent pay increase for the council's 35,000 full-time employees, which amounts to an extra £9.1 million.

This goes against Government advice, with Prime Minister Gordon Brown repeatedly insisting pay for public sector workers should not increase by more than two per cent.

Controversial

The policy has already proved controversial, with Home Secretary Jacqui Smith feeling the wrath of the Police Federation and several chief constables after refusing to backdate a pay rise that would give officers an increase of more than two per cent.

KCC chief executive Peter Gilroy defended the staff pay rise, arguing "we feel our staff deserve more".

He added: "It is important we continue to invest in our staff and their well-being."

However, the council is also planning to cut 92 backroom jobs, although it expects to do this by not replacing staff when they leave rather than compulsory redundancies.

The council tax rise is less than last year, which saw an increase of nearly five per cent, and is in line with the increase in state pension.

It works out at £37.62 a year for people living in band D properties, pushing their bills over the £1,000 mark for the first time. They will now pay £1001.79.

Cllr Carter would not rule out having to raise tax further if the county is unsuccessful in its bid to get the Government to repay around £10 million it has spent accommodating underage asylum seekers.

Councillors are meeting with ministers in February to discuss the issue.

Cllr Carter said: "There could be an impact on council tax if there is no resolution. I don't want to predetermine what will be the outcome of our discussions with ministers at this stage."

Cllr Carter claimed the council had to find an additional £61m just to meet the demands for its services, only £9m of which is to come from central government.

He said that efficiency savings, including staff cuts, and new income would save the council around £27m.

He added: "We have an excellent track record of delivering savings, well in excess of the Government's targets, while protecting front-line services.

"It is becoming harder every year to find savings to bridge the gap between what we need to deliver services and the grant we get from Government. The balance has to come through the increase in council tax."

Cllr Carter called for the creation of an independent commission that would decide how much money goes to the regions.

He said: "Political games are being played at Westminster that favour other parts of the country."

The council has also had to pay to an extra £4.3m to cover the cost of borrowing for its long-term schools and roads projects. Around £650m and £290m will spent on the two respectively over the next three years.

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Bus pass freedom for pupils

KENT County Council is expanding a scheme to give secondary schoolchildren unlimited travel on buses across the county.

The Freedom Pass scheme allows all secondary school age pupils to use local buses as much as they want for a one-off fee of £50.

In an article for Kent on Sunday last week, Labour leader Mike Eddy criticised the council for not paying the fee for foster parents.

Keith Ferrin, KCC cabinet member for environment, highways and waste, said KCC already gives foster parents money to pay for travel for children in their care.

He said: "The allowance covers transport needs, as well as everything else. There is no problem with them using part of that allowance to pay for the Freedom Pass.

"Any foster parent who didn't do that would be guilty of being stupid. It's an obvious thing to go for.

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Heathrow's SOS to Kent

KENT International Airport played a key role in keeping the country's air traffic flowing in the wake of the Boeing 777 crash.

The airport was called on to handle diverted planes unable to land at Heathrow because of last week's disruption.

The jumbo jet crash-landed short of the runway at Heathrow at 12.42pm last Thursday due to both its engines losing power.

Little over 20 minutes later, air traffic controllers at Kent International (KIA) were called upon to receive a diverted British Airways flight from Dusseldorf.

After refuelling the plane, its passengers and crew took off for Heathrow.

Matt Clarke, chief executive of KIA, said: "KIA is outside the London Air Traffic Management Area and with a flight time of just 15 minutes between us and Heathrow we are perfectly placed to help mitigate the impact of any disruption at Heathrow.

"We could have handled more of the 24 flights that were redirected and once again this shows the value of KIA as a regional airport and an alternate to airports operating at or near full capacity."



Chemical weapon victims welcome MoD recognition

'Apology more important than compensation'



VETERAN: Ken Earl, 70

VETERANS who acted as guinea pigs in chemical weapon tests in the 1950s and 1960s have welcomed the offer of an apology from the Ministry of Defence.

The Ministry of Defence has also pledged £3 million compensation to the servicemen, who were involved in the experiments at Porton Down – but those affected say the apology is more important.

Around 360 veterans say they were tricked into taking part in what they thought were cold remedy tests at the research centre in Wiltshire.

However, many were given forms of the deadly sarin nerve agent and say they have suffered lasting health damage.

Former serviceman Ken Earl, who runs the support group for victims from his home in Maidstone, said: "The most important thing is that we are going to get an apology.

"That's what we want – an apology for what they did to us."

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About 90 per cent of the soldiers have agreed to accept £8,300 each and an apology.

But others say the MoD is bullying them by insisting everyone accepts the offer before it releases the funds – something the ministry denies.

Compensation

The compensation follows years of campaigning by the men, many of whom say exposure to the gas left them with skin diseases and psychological problems.

Mr Earl, 70, said that he had been told the research was looking into ways to combat the common cold.

Experiments on him took place on May 2, 1953. He remembered the exact date as it was the day of the FA Cup final.

The MoD ordered a review of the experiments after a 2004 inquest ruled that Royal Air Force mechanic Ronald Maddison, who died in 1953 at the age of 20, had been unlawfully killed.

He was tested at the same time as Mr Earl and both men received doses of sarin, which was developed by the Nazis.

Mr Earl said: "I didn't find out the significance of it until 1999 when I read in the newspapers that Wiltshire police had begun an investigation.

"I volunteered for ten shillings extra for five days work and a weekend pass meant I could get home to see my girlfriend without hitch-hiking."

Professor Ulf Schmidt, professor of modern history at the University of Kent at Canterbury, was a historical expert in the 2004 inquest into Ronald Maddison's death.

Through a project grant received from the Wellcome Trust, the professor has been investigating the history and ethics of Britain's biological and chemical warfare programme during the Cold War.

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VOLUNTEER: MoD scientists at Porton Down experimented on Ken Earl in 1953

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Star restaurants using Kentish food

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TWO more top Kent restaurants have been awarded stars in the new 2008 Michelin Guide.

Apicius in Cranbrook and The Sportsman in Whitstable have each received one star – one of the most prestigious accolades in the catering world.

The renowned directory lists the best eateries offering a variety of culinary delights for a range of budgets across the UK and Ireland.

Co-owner and chef Tim Johnson was "flabbergasted" by the news.

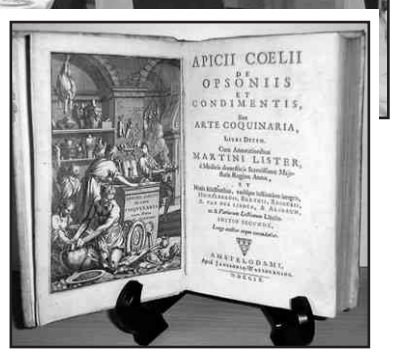
"We are delighted. Most people in the catering industry work very hard and don't get much recognition for it so when you do get an award it's great.

"It is good for the area and good for Kent. Such a high yield of produce comes from Kent, there were only two starred restaurants and now there are four, which is great for the county.

"It is also good for local bed and breakfasts and other shops if people come especially to eat here. This is a nice way to pay back everyone who has supported us," he said.

Apicius, named after the Roman epicurean and cookery writer Marcus Gavius Apicius, strives to use local ingredients and is reasonably priced.





GOOD TASTE: Apicius is named after a Roman cookery writer, whose book is pictured, right

It has previously received a rave review from the Guardian's Andy Lynes.

The West House in Biddenden and Read's in Faversham have both retained their one star rating.

Emma Read, who is the front of house manager at The Sportsman said: "We've always been in the guide [on the good food at moderate prices list]. But we are all really pleased."

Derek Bulmer, the editor of the guide, said informal dining, greater use of locally grown produce and seasonality were among the trends at restaurants included on the list.

Inspectors anonymously visited 4,567 venues including hotels, guesthouses, restaurants and pubs.

The county has no two or three-star rated restaurants listed and one pub – The Dove in Faversham – was removed from the guide's 'good food at moderate prices' list.

But the pub's landlord, Phillip MacGregor, explained he had only recently taken over running the establishment, which has previously been renowned for its gastronomic talents.

He said: "I hope to be listed with the same accolade as previously come next year."

Writer on political decay

COLUMNIST and writer Sir Simon Jenkins is to give a talk in Kent titled British Politics in Decay?

His lecture will take place at the University of Kent on Friday, February 1.

It will start at 6pm in the Brabourne Lecture Theatre, Keynes College, on the University's Canterbury campus, and is free and open to all.

Sir Simon began his career on Country Life magazine, worked for The Times Educational Supplement and the London Evening Standard and edited the Insight page of the Sunday Times. He was political editor of the Economist (1979-86) and subsequently went on to found and edit the Sunday Times Books section, where he also wrote a weekly column.

He edited The Times from 1990-92 and is a currently a columnist at The Guardian.

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Middle-income parents face higher private school fees

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MIDDLE-income parents already struggling to afford private school fees could face further financial strains under new charity laws.

The Charity Commission has published guidance on how all charities must demonstrate they provide public benefit from next year onwards under the Charities Act 2006.

Private schools must meet the requirements in order to retain their charitable status and the accompanying tax breaks.

Dame Suzi Leather, the commission's chair, said: "There is a two-way relationship between charities and society: registered charities enjoy considerable benefits in terms of their reputation and the tax advantages that go with their status.

"In return, they should publicly account for what they do to benefit society, including people in poverty."

The announcement has led to fears that school fees could rise considerably in order for more bursaries to be awarded to children from the poorest families.

Rory Reilly, the registrar at the King's School in Canterbury, said: "There may be an issue where middle-income parents could be driven out – that is a worry to us.

"Fees have been going up because providing education has got more and more expensive. The cost has gone up way ahead of inflation and that has already priced people out of the market."



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT: Tonbridge School says no-one should be put off applying to it

But providing bursaries is not the only way schools can meet the requirements.

The King's School, which charges boarding pupils £8,770 per term, has sponsored the Folkestone Academy along with one of its governors, Roger De Haan.

Mr Reilly said: "Contrary to what people think the school does not have a big foundation behind it so we are building a bursary fund.

"We have limited our scholarships to 25 per cent of fees, so instead of essentially buying in talent that could afford to be here, in order to gain a bursary these are means tested."

King's, Sevenoaks School and Tonbridge School told KOS Media they also carry out projects in the community, raise money for charitable causes and open up facilities to pupils from local state schools.

Andrew Burton, the bursar at Sevenoaks School, which charges boarding pupils £8,093 per term, said pupils from state schools and adults with learning disabilities use facilities on the school's campus. The school also hosted the Kent Disability Games.

Asked whether the requirement would price middle-income families out of the school, he said: "The honest answer is we don't know. I have read the new guidance and it is not entirely clear from that exactly what the commission is expecting.

"The main point I would make is that public benefit appears to be a new thing and it is not really, it is something we have been doing for some time."

Tonbridge School headmaster Tim Hayes said the school, which charges £8,942 a term for boarders, had been involved with the community since its foundation 454 years ago.

He said: "No-one should be put off from applying to Tonbridge for financial reasons.

"Already there are 220 boys at Tonbridge with some sort of fee remission, 30 boys receive over 80 per cent fee remission and 15 of them have full fee remission.

Bursaries

"I hope that Tonbridge will be able to grow this number of 100 per cent bursaries to at least 10 per cent of all our pupils by 2026."

The school funds £1.6 million a year in fees for scholarships and bursaries through its Sir Andrew Judde endowment.

Roland Constantine, the Independent Schools Council advisor for the South East, said schools welcomed the guidance and that many had already gone to great lengths to widen access.

He added: "We are concerned parents that are not on the breadline and a little bit better off will not be able to access bursaries.

"There is always a problem whether with the level of benefits or bursaries it is always particularly hard on people just above the level.

"These parents must talk to their chosen schools, they may well find if they are prepared to be flexible and look at a range of schools, they may have bursaries set at a different level."

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Watts shock at death of Ledger

NAOMI Watts has cancelled all her engagements after learning of the death of her former lover, Heath Ledger.

The Kent-born actress broke down in tears at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah, America following news that the 28-year-old had been found dead in his New York apartment.

Media reports said bottles of different prescription drugs were found around his body. An autopsy has proved inconclusive.

Miss Watts and Mr Ledger dated for three years after meeting on the set of Ned Kelly in 2002.

She was raised in the village of Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, before moving to Australia as a teenager.

Mr Ledger's most famous role was as a gay cowboy in Brokeback Mountain, for which he received an Oscar nomination.

Web sex case

A CANADIAN internet pervert who preyed on teenage girls from west Kent has pleaded guilty to child pornography, luring and extortion charges.

Mark Bedford, from Kingston, Ontario, appeared before a Canadian court on Friday to admit a range of charges including making child pornography, internet luring, extortion and criminal harassment.

He admitted 10 charges relating to victims including 26 girls from Kent. The case was adjourned until sentencing on March 14.

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CAN you see the windsurfers? Reader David Scicluna took this photograph on a late afternoon last November.

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Belfast targeted in the hunt for quality teachers

THE local education authority is on a recruitment drive for new teachers – in Northern Ireland.

The county council has sent a team to Belfast to speak with potential new recruits, the Belfast Telegraph has reported.

The team may find a good reception as up to 2,000 qualified teachers aged under 29 are out of work, according to the Irish National Teachers' Organisation.

The organisation said 20 per cent of newly-qualified teachers remained unemployed.

Steve Wood, recruitment and retention manager for Kent County Council, was quoted as saying: "We were introduced to the quality of Irish trained teachers by a headteacher who came to Kent from Ireland 19 years ago, and we have attended a number of recruitment fairs in the North and the South since 2006.

"We were immediately impressed by the quality and enthusiasm of the college students we met and this led us to set up an informal recruitment day where six Kent headteachers came to see for themselves the high standard of potential applicants.

"Many of those who attended the event were subsequently offered positions and I have recently met four of them who all tell me they have settled quickly into their new lives and are enjoying the high level of support they receive as part of Kent County Council's commitment to newly qualified teachers taking posts in our schools."

He said the induction process for teachers trained in Northern Ireland could be completed in a year.

Is the welfare state ready for reform?

By **PHIL REILLY**
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FEWER people think the Government should spend more on benefits for the poor, according to a Kent professor.

Prof Peter Taylor-Goodby, a sociologist at the University of Kent, has claimed the number of people who think the Government should spend more on benefits has dropped from over a half in the late 1980s to under a third now.

Prof Taylor-Goodby, who studied the results of a report into British social attitudes, said people were less inclined to think helping the vulnerable should be a role of government.

He said: "People are now more inclined to think that people should take responsibility for their own lives and not rely on support from government.

"This will make it increasingly difficult for the government to gain support for its policies to cut poverty."

Earlier this month, Conservative leader David Cameron set out plans to force the long-term unemployed back to work.

Mr Cameron, who said he wanted to end the "something for nothing" culture, wants to force people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance for more than two years to carry out community work.

The Tories believe that nearly £14m a year is paid to incapacity benefit claimants in Kent who are fit to work.

Prof Taylor-Goodby's research also found that views towards the impact of immigration on the welfare state were mixed. Middle class people tended to see immigrants as contributors to the state, where working class people see them as taking more from it than they put in.

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You may have already heard about the Kent Freedom Pass, but if you don't attend a school in one of the trial areas, it may not have been very relevant for you. Well that's about to change.

The pass has proved to be such a success in the trial areas of Canterbury, Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge that a decision has been made to roll it out across the rest of Kent, starting with Malling, Maidstone, Dover and Shepway in June. The remaining areas will be included in early 2009.

The scheme allows young people aged between 11 and 16 who attend schools in the selected areas, to buy a £50 pass to enable them to travel free on any of Kent's public buses, any time, anywhere. Over 5,000 passes have been issued already and are being used for social and school travel, which offers young people more independence and cuts congestion and pollution on our roads.

This scheme came about following consultation between the Kent Youth County Council (KYCC) and Kent County Council. KYCC told us that Kent's young people want to be able to travel across the county, but high fares are a problem. With congestion and the environment being considered too, the Kent Freedom Pass seemed an obvious solution.



It doesn't end there though. KYCC has set up a transport committee to establish the areas of concern about travelling around the county. We know that this new generation will play a vital role in our transport issues of tomorrow, so we're giving them our full support.

For more details about the Freedom Pass, visit our website at **www.kent.gov.uk/highways** or call **08458 247 800.**

Keeping Kent Safe



At Kent Highway Services we're often asked to make improvements to the road network including things like traffic calming, new pedestrian crossings, better signing and much, much more. What most people don't realise is how much planning goes into these improvements and an important part of that is the Road Safety Audit.

We carry out a Road Safety Audit on every new traffic scheme and it's vital to ensure that all road users, including pedestrians, people with pushchairs, visually or mobility impaired users and equestrian users are catered for in any new changes.

The audits are designed to make sure that operational road safety experience is applied during both the design and construction stages of a scheme to keep the number and severity of road collisions to a minimum.

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If you're a regular user of public transport in the county, you may already be a user of Traveline, but did you know that the number has changed? The new number is **0871 200 22 33** and their website address has also changed to **www.traveline.info**



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There's also a new text messaging service that means you can find out which bus will be along next at a particular stop. All you need to do is visit the Traveline website for the relevant bus stop code and text it to **84268** – some bus stops have their codes printed on the signs too. Then you'll receive a text back with details of the next expected service.

Kent residents are already using the facility, so why not log on to **www.traveline.info** or call them on **0871 200 22 33** and see if you can make planning your journey even easier.

Travel Update

Kent Highway Services

Below are roadworks and events that may cause some disruptions. Please remember that these are planned works and other emergency works may be required.

Gravesham

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	23.2.08	Stonebridge Road, Northfleet	Temporary traffic lights – new energy supply

Tonbridge & Malling

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
Current	27.3.08	A228 Castle Way	Lane closure – new traffic lights

Ashford

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
28.1.08	1.2.08	A2042 Canterbury Road, Ashford	Temporary traffic lights – drainage works

Canterbury

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
28.1.08	2.2.08	Tile Kiln Hill, Canterbury	Temporary traffic lights – water mains works

Maidstone

Start	Finish	Road	Reason
28.1.08	3.3.08	Ware Street, Bearsted	Road closure – new water mains

For details of other roadworks in Kent please visit **www.kent.gov.uk/travel**

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Julie joins KOS Media

FORMER BBC Radio Kent presenter Julie Maddocks has joined KOS Media as part of the broadband television team at Yourkenttv.co.uk.

Miss Maddocks, who left her popular afternoon show on Radio Kent in September, will be at events all over the county with a camera crew, working across all of our newspaper titles and websites.

Miss Maddocks said: "The people of Kent are passionate about what they do and KOS Media provides a great platform. I think Yourkenttv can really plug into the county spirit. There are so many stories to tell."

She is known across the county through her BBC radio work and as Invicta FM's 'Eye in the Sky' in the early 90s.

Yet despite being so well known in the county's media, she said she never intended to go into broadcasting.

Miss Maddocks started her career as a secretary in the sales department at the fledgling Invicta Radio in 1985.

She said: "They'd had this idea for the Eye in the Sky at Invicta, but had no one to present it. I didn't want to do the role; I didn't know anything about the county's roads. I didn't even know how to get to Headcorn airfield.

"It was an almighty fluke that I became a broadcaster; I was just in the right place at the right time."

By **PETER BOYES**
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It wasn't long before thousands of drivers came to rely on Invicta's ground-breaking service – provided by Miss Maddocks aboard a Cessna nicknamed 'Jambuster Jerry' – to provide the latest updates on their daily commute.

But despite her popularity, Miss Maddocks didn't endear herself to everybody on the county's roads.

Shows

She said: "When they were expanding the A249 near Detling into a dual carriageway, it seemed to be taking ages. It became a bit of a running joke – we'd fly over every morning and say 'the A249 looks exactly the same'.

"Apparently some of the builders got so annoyed about it they spent the morning spelling out 'up yours Julie' in cones. You could only read it from the air. Think how much they could have got done in that time."

After literally earning her wings – she qualified as a pilot during her five years as the Eye in the Sky – Julie freelanced for the BBC, guest-presenting dozens of shows until in 2001 she was offered a staff contract and her own show.



ONLINE: Watch broadcasting star Julie Maddocks on www.yourkenttv.co.uk

She said: "It was a magazine programme that reflected the people in Kent. If it was happening in Kent we would hopefully feature it on the radio. We covered all sorts of subjects over the years.

"I'll be continuing this sort of thing at KOS Media, across all the Yourkenttv channels. There is nothing like it at a regional level, and it is definitely a forerunner of things to come. I'm sure others will follow what we're doing here."

To watch our interview with Julie Maddocks, and to see more films, visit our free broadband TV channel, at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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Gay bishops to bring their other halves

"THREE or four" gay bishops are expected to bring their partners to the Lambeth Conference at a time when the issue of homosexuality threatens to split the Anglican Church.

In a question and answer session at the launch of this year's conference at the University of Kent at Canterbury, the Archbishop of Canterbury's wife Jane Williams said she expected some "male spouses" to come.

Mrs Williams is organising the Spouses Conference which runs parallel to the main event in July and August.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has been trying to maintain unity in the Church, having narrowly avoided what would have been the biggest split in its modern history last year.

Dr Williams was able to persuade the American Episcopal Church to abandon its decision to ordain openly gay bishops, as it had done in 2003 with the ordination of Gene Robinson in New Hampshire.

Several diocese split from the American church as a result of the ordination, which also prompted some conservative clergymen, particularly in Africa, to call for the American church to be cast out of its international body the Anglican Communion.

The Bishop of Rochester, Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, is one of many who has threatened to boycott the conference over the issue.

Dr Williams said one day would be dedicated to the issue of sexuality at the conference, but he expected informal discussions to go on throughout the event.

He said 70 per cent of bishops had already accepted their invitations.

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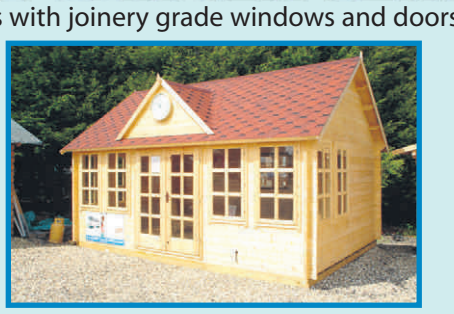
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Derelict scheme

WEST Kent councils have a joined scheme that helps to restore derelict properties across the county.

Sevenoaks District Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have joined No Use Empty – the Kent Empty Property Initiative.

The initiative was launched in partnership between Kent County Council and the district councils of Dover, Shepway, Swale and Thanet to address the recurring problem of empty housing across east Kent.

Careers on show

MORE than 1,500 people flocked to the Invicta FM Careers Expo in Canterbury this week.

The event featured 29 different exhibitors, including KOS Media, and gave visitors a taste of some of the careers available across the county.

Among the exhibitors were Kent Police, Eurostar UK, PC World, Kent County Council, Christ Church University and Canterbury College.

Presenters James Heming and Ali Wheeler from Invicta FM were also on hand to give an insight into the worlds of radio and media.

As well as careers stands the Expo also offered workshops on self-confidence and CV writing.

Fashion rocker

GEORGIA May Jagger, the daughter of Sir Mick and Jerry Hall, has signed up with a London model agency.

The blonde 16-year-old, who has inherited her Dartford father's lips and her Texas mother's hair, is now on the books at the Independent agency.

"She has this incredible face, a great figure and a fantastic energising personality," said a spokesman for the agency.

"Okay, she is part of the rock and roll dynasty but we signed her because she's going to make a fantastic model."

Family windmill wrecked by fire

By **SIMON ROBINSON**
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AN HISTORIC windmill has been badly damaged in a blaze.

The Grade-II listed mill, which has been a prominent feature of the Sheerness skyline for 194 years, was decimated by the fire, which broke out on Wednesday night.

Father and son co-owners Bernie and Caleb Watson had spent more than £250,000 on restoring the windmill.

Bernie said: "We're both absolutely gutted. We've worked solidly on the windmill for two years.

"We spent £250,000 restoring the windmill and were 85 per cent finished.

"People told us we'd never make any money out of this and we knew we wouldn't.

"But for my son, it was his labour of love. He worked day in, day out on it."

The Watsons and others spent much of Thursday setting up beams to strengthen the building's structure from high winds reaching up to 57mph.

Bernie added: "We don't yet know how bad the damage is, we're just trying to secure the windmill so the firefighters and police forensic teams can get inside.

"The emergency services were absolutely brilliant so we'd like to thank them."

The Watsons were restoring the windmill to working condition with three residential flats.

Firefighters from across Kent were called to battle the blaze, which had taken hold of a large section of the mill's third and fourth storeys.

Such was the ferocity of the flames that the crews were withdrawn from the mill at 12.30am on Thursday morning as there was a fear it may collapse.

A relief crew was brought in at 2.30am and an hour later the operation was reduced to two water pumps and a height vehicle.

Firefighters eventually stood down at 5.55am on Thursday morning.

Police closed Sheerness High Street and Portland Terrace while crews dealt with the blaze. Nobody was injured.

Officers initially suspected the fire could have been the result of an arson attack and sent in forensic investigators to look for evidence.

However on Friday afternoon, the county constabulary confirmed it was not treating the fire as suspicious.

"Forensics teams have examined the scene in the High Street along with Kent Fire and Rescue Service and have found no evidence to suggest foul play," said a statement.

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GUTTED: Bernie and Caleb Watson

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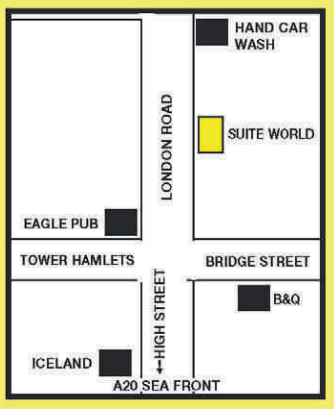


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Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

There are no other restrictions and 'Name The Mascot' suggestions do not necessarily need to have a nautical or French theme.

To accompany all entries, Norfolkline and KOS Media would also like to receive an illustration of the number one choice of name – or all three choices if preferred – along with a written description and the history and thoughts that have gone into coming up with the idea for a mascot's name.

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Entries should be sent in by February 29, 2008 and the winner and runners-up will be announced by the end of March 2008

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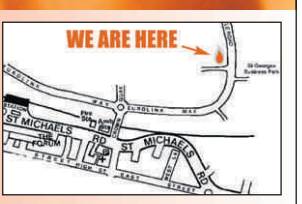
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Fishing community in Sierra Leone hit by civil unrest after dispute between youths

Rioting erupts in village KoS helped

By **BERNARD GINNS**
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RIOTING has erupted in the village of Kent in Sierra Leone, resulting in damage to the church and the burning of school furniture.

The unrest was sparked by a dispute between visiting youths from Freetown and locals over access to the beach.

One person was stabbed and youths turned on elders, according to reports in the local media.

The village was the subject of a major Kent on Sunday appeal last year, with readers donating hundreds of books and educational materials to the children of Kent.

The New Citizen website reported that youths "went on the rampage stoning houses and churches and beating up their own elders".

It said the Church of England edifice at St Edward's Church was vandalised and windows were broken by stone-throwing youths.

The website also reported how "wayward youths stormed the school at Kent, brought out the benches and desks and set them on fire with the aim of burning down the whole school".

A village elder was quoted as saying: "What do the youths hope to gain by burning their only school?"

Havoc

The New Citizen said local police were unable to contain the rioting, which had "wreaked untold havoc on the private properties of citizens of Kent, including the old church and the school that have been recently renovated with funds from the UK".

Police from the nearby town of Waterloo eventually brought the disturbance under control, said a UK-based Sierra Leonean with contacts in Kent.

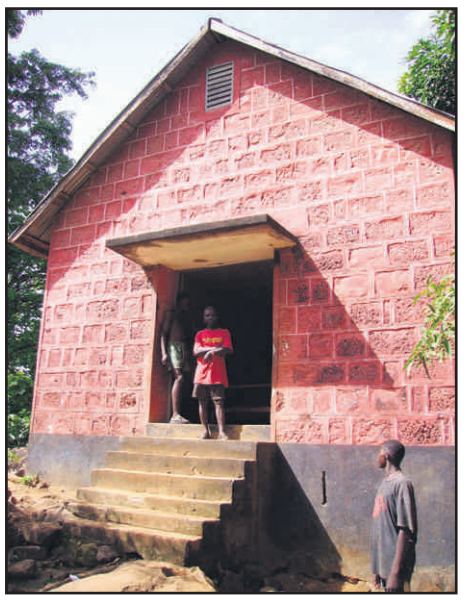
The village's school is based in an old slave depository where men and women were held before being shipped to Europe and America in the 17th and 18th centuries.

Sierra Leone was the focus of the slave trade in West Africa and the capital Freetown was founded with, and for, freed slaves.

This week a school administrator told KoS that the school had remained closed since the rioting on January 6.

She confirmed that furniture from both the pre-school and the primary school had been burned, and that the church windows had been smashed.

She said Balogun Williams, 76, secretary to the village headman, had been "manhandled" and his home had been damaged.



SCHOOL'S OUT: Balogun Williams stands in the doorway to the village primary

He is now said to be "okay".

She said the books donated by KoS readers were safe, as they had been locked away in a specially built cupboard to protect them from bad weather.

Tunde Savage, the village headman, told KoS this week: "We are trying to fix everything right now."

The village of Kent lies at the southern tip of Sierra Leone's Western Peninsula and is surrounded by water on three sides. It has one of the country's most beautiful beaches.

The main income is from fishing and Kent fishermen are reputed to be the strongest men in the region.

Tourism is relatively rare in Sierra Leone as the country's infrastructure was all but destroyed during an 11-year rebel war.

But those who do visit the country – the second poorest in the world – often go to Kent because of its beach and it is only an hour's drive south of Freetown, the capital.

The country held general elections last year, which were regarded as being free and fair by international observers.

The opposition party won power by democratic means, a rare occurrence in a continent beset by coups and uprisings.

Reports said that the violence started over a dispute over access to the beach. Kent teenagers are said to have set up a checkpoint to collect money from visitors to contribute to the cost of keeping the beach clean for tourists.

Augustine Stevens, a Sierra Leonean churchman living in Woolwich, south-east London, has family links to the village and made some inquiries following the disturbance.

He told KoS: "It needs to be mentioned that the village returned to normal life soon after the intervention of the police."

Dr Stevens, a deacon at Woolwich Central Baptist Church, added: "The church enjoins KoS for support to this historic Kent community."

He is the son-in-law of former president Siaka Stevens, who owned a large holiday home at Kent. Dr Stevens and the church hope to turn the dilapidated building into a history resource centre.

To help the village, send an email to bernard.ginns@kosmedia.co.uk.

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DAVID Beckham visited Sierra Leone this week and appealed for the world "not to turn a blind eye to the tens of thousands of young children who die every day in the developing world mostly from causes that are preventable".

The football icon, who runs a sports academy in Greenwich, is a goodwill ambassador for the United Nations Children's Fund.

The 32-year-old said: "In Sierra Leone, one in four children dies before reaching their fifth birthday.

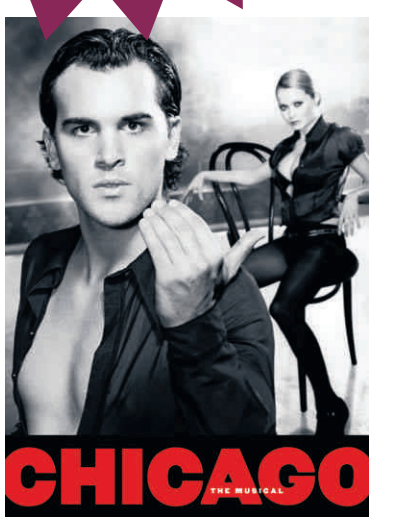
"It's shocking and tragic especially when the solutions are simple – things like vaccinations against measles or using a mosquito net to reduce the chance of getting malaria.

"Saving these children's lives is a top priority for Unicef and as an ambassador I hope I can draw attention to this issue across the world."

He arrived in Freetown last Friday and spent four days visiting health clinics and playing football with delighted locals.



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Farewell to a true hero of England

SQUADRON Leader Bertram 'Jimmy' James was one of the few servicemen not to be executed for his involvement in the Great Escape during World War Two.

By **JAMIE McGINNES** and **CHRIS MURPHY**
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In all, Sqn Ldr James, who has died aged 92, took part in 13 escape attempts from Nazi prisoner camps, and was once described as the "greatest living Englishman".

However, although he had fond memories of his schooldays in Kent, they were rather less remarkable.

Peter Henderson is the archivist at the King's School in Canterbury, which Sqn Ldr James attended between 1928 and 1932.

Mr Henderson said: "He doesn't appear to have done anything particularly distinguished when he was at school.

"In lots of ways he was just an ordinary chap, but extraordinary times turn ordinary chaps into heroes."

Sqn Ldr James, who visited the school several times to talk to pupils about his courageous wartime exploits, was remembered during assembly this week and was due to feature in its cathedral service this weekend.

It was his spell at King's School that kept Sqn Ldr James going during some of his darker moments as a prisoner of war.

In his memoir Moonless Night, which was published in 1983, he described his time in the notorious Sachsenhausen concentration camp in Germany.

"Torture and death were all around; cries and screams rent the stillness of the night," he wrote.

"I found refuge in my periods of meditation. I drifted back in time and saw panoramic visions of the past."

And he added: "The scene would shift to England and my school days in Canterbury, and the vast and beautiful cathedral, which had dominated our lives when I was at the King's School, but taken for granted by most of us boys.

"Now the great medieval cathedral rose up before me in all its splendour, the lantern pinnacled Bell Harry Tower soaring above the majestic lines of choir, nave and transept and the ruined Benedictine Priory.

"Built to the glory of God it now seemed to come back out of the past to cast a protective shroud over me in this satanic place. I felt that God was near and for the first time for many years I prayed."

Mr Henderson said: "For about 10 years, he used to come back to the school every two years to give talks to our young historians who were doing their GCSEs about his experiences.

Emotional

"They loved him – you could hear a pin drop in the class as he relived his time during the war with them.

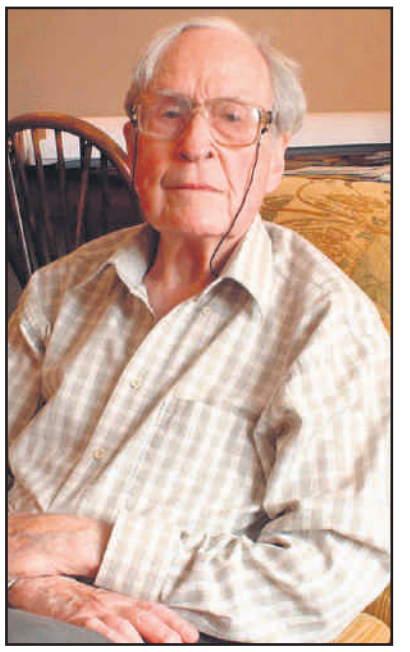
"It was clear they really enjoyed his talks. They were often highly moving and emotional – he was a very impressive man. He was very nice and a true gentleman."

He said that school magazines from Sqn Ldr James' time at the school show he enjoyed athletics.

"He liked to run but wasn't in major teams or winning prizes or anything like that."

Just over 10 years after his time at the King's School, Sqn Ldr James was part of one of World War Two's most famous prison camp escapes.

The Wellington bomber second pilot, who had been shot down and captured in June 1940, was one of 76 officers who escaped The Stalag Luft III camp in Sagan, Poland, on the night of March 24, 1944.



HERO: Bertram 'Jimmy' James

Sqn Ldr James was part of the escape committee at Stalag Luft III and was 39th out of the escape tunnel Harry. He managed to get 100 kilometres from the camp before being picked up at Hirschberg West station.

He was put into Sachsenhausen concentration camp, but 50 others were executed on Hitler's orders after being recaptured. Only three made it to freedom.

It later inspired the 1963 film The Great Escape starring Steve McQueen.

Military historian Howard Tuck, who was working on a book with Sqn Ldr James before his death, said: "People often used to describe him as the greatest living Englishman, and I think they were right."

Sqn Ldr Bertram James died on January 18 in Shropshire.

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Cathedral's Frank reminder of the Holocaust

ROCHESTER Cathedral is to host an event to mark National Holocaust Memorial Day.

It takes place on Sunday, January 27 from 6pm and will include a performance of the play Anne Frank by pupils of the King's School in Rochester.

There will also be readings from members of the Medway Youth Parliament and the opening of a schools' art exhibition that will run until February 8.

Jon Weiner, who is the chairman of the event's organising committee, said: "In remembering the Holocaust we make a pledge to ensure that the victims of all such atrocities are never forgotten.

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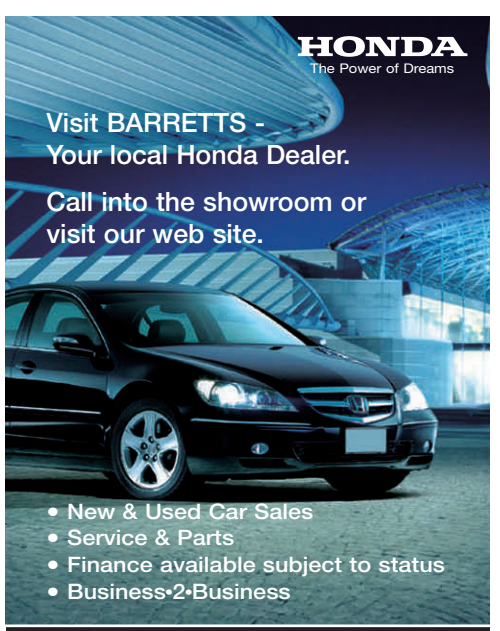


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Car park punch up

SEVEN men were arrested and two given medical help following a fight in Canterbury city centre at the weekend. Police were called to the car park at the Falstaff Hotel in North Lane in the early hours of Sunday. Officers said the fight was between a group of men from London and locals. Police issued seven penalty notices for disorder.

A WOMAN in her 60s has been assaulted in her own home by two men imitating police officers. They pushed their way into the woman's home in Swanley last Thursday after she opened the door. One held her by the shoulders, but she pulled free and shouted for help. The men ran off. Officers said a mobile phone was stolen and the woman was shaken but unhurt.



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Mental health trust makes freedom bid

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THE NHS trust that oversees mental health services in Kent is seeking financial independence.

Managers say the move will give patients and carers a greater say in the services.

Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust has launched its bid to become a Foundation Trust (FT) which would give it new financial freedoms to invest in services, equipment and treatments.

Robert Knibbs, the trust's FT project director, spoke to KOS Media about the benefits and progress of the project.

He said: "FTs no longer report to the strategic health authority or the Department of Health. They have much more freedom in determining their future strategy but they are fully part of the NHS family and continue to deliver services free at the point of delivery.

"They do not provide any less services but they have the freedom to innovate and operate new and additional services.

"Any surplus made by the trust can be kept and reinvested in subsequent years and FTs can also borrow money on the open market."

Local people, staff and representatives from local authorities and other NHS organisations hold FTs to account through the trust's council of governors.

Mr Knibbs said: "Members of the public and staff will elect governors. The council of governors appoints the chair and other non-executive directors of the FT. They have a very powerful position in helping to set the long-term strategy and holding the trust to account."



FOUNDATION TRUST: Robert Knibbs

Service users and carers have reported concerns that patients have to wait up to six months to access therapy and that emergency out-of-hours care was patchy.

A consultant psychiatrist this week said some patients wait "at least" six months for talking cognitive behaviour therapy.

Asked whether FT status could address some of these issues, Mr Knibbs said: "Most people would choose talking therapy rather than drugs. It may be that more psychiatrists could be employed to raise provision if that was important regardless of whether the PCTs believe that."

West Kent PCT and Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT will continue to commission services for the trust, but as an FT it would be free to invest its own money into any additional services.

The trust must produce a business plan to demonstrate it is capable of handling a £170 million-a-year business, which will be handed to ministers and the Secretary of State for Health Alan Johnson over the summer.

It spent around £50,000 on consultants in preparing the bid.

The trust's financial position at the end of this year is a projected surplus of £500,000.

If the Department of Health approves the plan it will be passed to Monitor, the independent regulator of FTs, for the final decision which is expected at the end of the year.

But if the trust fails in its bid it will be "subsumed", meaning another FT would take over the running of the trust, he added.

To find out more about the trust's FT project or joining the council of governors see www.kmpt.nhs.uk/membership or go to the consultation meeting on February 5 at 6.30pm at the Hilton Hotel in Maidstone.

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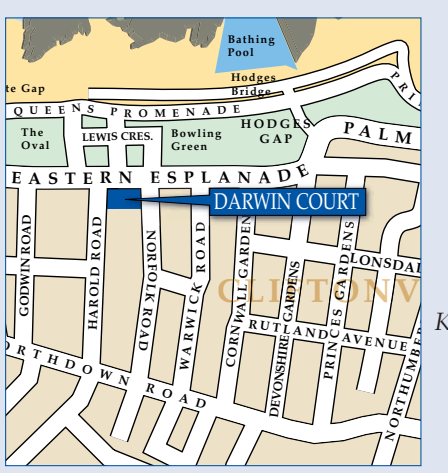
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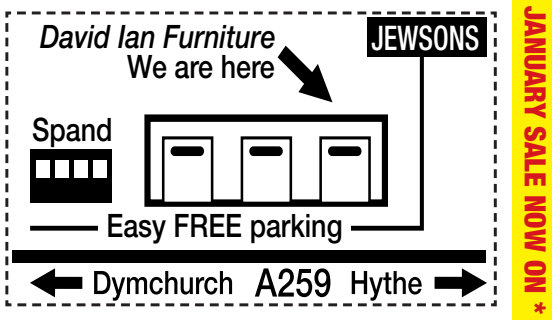
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CARING, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013 **TXT**

MEDWAY female, 36, 5ft8, blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 434372 **TXT** P

36YR old female, divorced with no children, brunette, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, ceroc, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374 **TXT**

HAPPY, bubbly, positive female, 37 years old, outgoing, loving, caring, loyal, quite spiritual, into dance music, trance, cooking, the countryside, looking for soulmate. Box 433539 **TXT**

LARGE, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619 **TXT**

HI I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674 **TXT**

CUTE, single mum of 4, 37, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983 **TXT**

SINGLE mum of 2, 37, caring and loving, 5ft4, slim, blonde hair, blue eyes, GSOH, enjoys most things in life. Box 898868 **TXT**

HI, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to go out and have a laugh with. Box 435324 **TXT**

BLACK female, 38, 5ft2, have children, like nights out and cosy nights in, seeking someone to have a laugh with. Box 435423 **TXT**

DIVORCED, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332 **TXT**

EASYGOING, GSOH, outgoing easy-going friendly single mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 833533 **TXT** P

FRIENDLY, easygoing, big beautiful woman. Hard-working single mum Eastbourne area. Box 819714 **TXT** P

42YR old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoy cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451 **TXT**

HARD-WORKING female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156 **TXT**

DEAL-BASED lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384 **TXT** P

PLEASANT female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wining, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 429071 **TXT**

PETITE, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 429682 **TXT**

SINCERE, reliable woman, 43, long blonde hair, blue eyes, community worker, loves horse riding, travelling, cooking, looking for my soul mate. Box 428689 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **TXT** P

GENUINE, caring, honest female, 41, 5'8", medium build, dark hair, blue-green eyes, N/S, likes night in/out, cinema, seeks honest male, for lasting love, Maidstone area. Box 800308 **TXT**

45YR old female, has 2 dogs, works full time, likes horse riding, gardening, walks, socialising, likes eating out, cinema, good conversation. Box 435464 **TXT**

44YR old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448 **TXT**

ROMANTIC woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WLTM a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511 **TXT**

SINCERITY, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from Maidstone area. Box 156956 **TXT** P

ROMANTIC female, 46, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes walks on the beach, theatre, music, seeking friendship, maybe more, with someone, 45-55. Ashford. Box 435456 **TXT**

FRIENDLY, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441 **TXT** P

KIND, loving female, 44, blonde, 5'4", medium/curvy build, likes reading, live music, countryside, walks, seeks similar, adventurous male for happy times together. Kent. Box 805846 **TXT**

EVEN-TEMPERED, kind female, 45, 5'2", slim, green eyes, brown hair, likes cinema, restaurants, walking, animals, seeks confident, romantic male for fun and maybe more. Box 378907 **TXT**

BUBBLY, caring, single mum, 46, WLTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829 **TXT**

HONEST, trustworthy female, 45, medium build, 5'6", divorced, tired of being alone, seeking man to share life with. Box 823528 **TXT**

SLIM divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5ft3. Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5ft10 or above. Box 897419 **TXT** P

48YR old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027 **TXT** P

YOUNG-AT-HEART female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone with similar interests. Box 435098 **TXT**

YOUNG-LOOKING, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out & staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50. Aylesford. Box 428833 **TXT**

HI, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992 **TXT**

GENUINE, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover. Box 435441 **TXT**

LOVING, loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walks, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974 **TXT**

PETITE, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181 **TXT** P

LOYAL, bubbly, affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585 **TXT**

SLIM female, 51, long dark brown hair, brown eyes, 5ft6, well groomed, very easy-going and tactile, GSOH, enjoys socialising, nights in/out, eating out, cinema walks. Box 434052 **TXT**

SPORTY female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/blue, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating in/out, WLTM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10"+, to share life. Box 165367 **TXT**

LIVELY, understanding female, 51, large build, WLTM genuine, loving male, 46-58, for lasting, loving relationship. Faversham. Box 399271 **TXT**

LONELY, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WLTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420 **TXT**

53YR old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for a caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768 **TXT**

54YR old female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life. Box 435468 **TXT**

SPONTANEOUS, friendly, lively female, 55, likes cinema, walking, cooking, socialising, seeks similar person for friendship leading to hopefully more. Box 430854 **TXT**

DIVORCED lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", green eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH. I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups/downs with. Faversham. Box 406928 **TXT**

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quiet nights in, loves children, animals, seeking honest, caring man. Box 435308 **TXT** P

YOUNG, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739 **TXT**

DIVORCED female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more. Box 434901 **TXT**

56YR old lady, well-built, 5'5", N/S, GSOH, funny nature, like films, theatre, eating out, WLTM N/S man, 56-60ish, to make her laugh again. Medway, Maidstone area. Box 412127 **TXT**

BRUNETTE female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days at the coast, seeking friendship... Box 434895 **TXT**

YOUNG 61 year old, 5ft3, medium build, brown hair/eyes, very happy-go-lucky, likes dancing, walks, eating in/out. I'm very adaptable, looking for a LTR. Margate. Box 434424 **TXT**

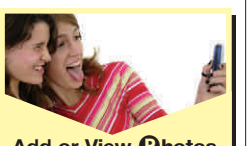
WIDOWED woman, 61, no ties, positive outlook, kind nature with GSOH, like the usual things and would like to find a male counterpart. Box 431210

BRUNETTE, 61, looking for LTR, friendship first, any age considered. Interests: dancing, walking, socialising, cuddling! Margate. Box 432246 **TXT**

SOLVENT, cuddly female, 59, 5'1", love the countryside, foreign travel, seeks happy, solvent male, 50s-62, for affection and TLC. Box 394179 **TXT**

62YR old petite, slim, blonde lady, 62, own home/car, GSOH, love classical music, dancing, holidays abroad, looking for a compatible, genuine gentleman for happiness. Box 435267 **TXT**

ROMANTIC widow, 61 slim, young-at-heart, 5'6", green eyes/ GSOH, honest, caring, tactile, likes dancing, beach walks, most things, WLTM genuine male, 40-60. Anywhere in Kent. Box 815960 **TXT** P



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YOUNG looking, active lady ,61, slim, attractive, 5'6", likes gardening, travel, seeks honest, tactile gent for friendship, good times. Box 811985 **TXT**

Women for women

CUDDLY, buxom female, 46, blue eyes, very feminine, loves music, animals, reading, writing, stars, very genuine, meals in/out, seeking boyish female, who's loving/caring. Box 433152 **TXT**

CAPRICORN, 48, 5ft7, brown hair, blue eyes, GSOH, caring, animal lover, into DIY, sport, reading, WLTM someone in Maidstone. Box 434547 **TXT**

SOCIABLE Sagittarian, buxom 52 year old brunette, likes music, dancing, eating out, seeking like-minded buxom female, for fun/more. Box 435191 **TXT**



MEN for WOMEN

TOBY, 26, slim, muscular body, dark hair, green eyes, seeking any lady for fun, or even friendship and possibly more. Box 435597 **TXT**

YOUNG, adventurous, outgoing man, 32, enjoys outdoors, keeping fit and swimming, country walks, pubs, river walks and nights in, seeking like-minded, cuddly female. Box 897215 **TXT**

34YR old young-looking, shy at first male, 5'9", medium build, enjoy life to the full, seeking that special someone to share good moments with. Box 435061 **TXT**

LOVE! Separated dad, 35, seeks someone to share time with. Enjoys eating out, cinema, walking, looking for a special friend for companionship and hopefully more. Box 897276 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE male, 37, medium build, enjoys countryside, travelling, children, animals & pubs, WLTM female 25-35 slim/medium build with similar interests for fun, friendship/serious relationship. Box 435731 **TXT**

MAIDSTONE male, 35, dark blond hair, dark eyes, nice looking, have 1 little girl, own business, varied interests, looking for a fun lady, under 40. Box 429375 **TXT**

36YR old honest, kind, caring, single male, blond hair, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WLTM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440 **TXT** P

CREATIVE male, 35, 6ft, slim, dark hair/eyes, loves music, travel, history, socialising, cinema, reading etc, seeks laid back, slim, attractive female, 26-35. Whitstable. Box 380976 **TXT** P

GOOD-LOOKING male, 36, short spiky brown hair, likes dancing, socialising, films, WLTM nice, loyal, honest female, 30-42, for a relationship. Maidstone. Box 401597 **TXT** P

DOWN to earth and loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company & conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **TXT** P

DIVORCED male, 38, 5ft10, blue eyes, no ties, likes motorsports, the gym, country pubs, wine bars, cycling, seeks spontaneous, fun woman for fun/laughter. Box 434217 **TXT**

YOUNG 39-year-old single dad of 2, in south-east Kent, seeking someone 35-50, for fun. Box 435048 **TXT** P

SINGLE man, 39, 5'8", medium build, grey/blue eyes, not much hair but cropped. Friendly and approachable a good listener, very loyal and an outgoing personality. Box 897764 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, mixed race male, 40, 5'10", likes chatting, nights in. Looking for female under 41, who lives in S Wales or medway boroughs, for relationship. Box 897308 **TXT** P

HI, I'm a down-2-earth male, 40, 5'7", medium build, green eyes, loves outdoors, sports, beach walks etc, WLTM an out-going female for good times. Box 899004 **TXT**

ATTRACTIVE, independent, professional male, 40, OHAC, loves wining/dining, the sun, holidays, cinema, pubs occasionally, seeking a fun, sincere, loving female, to enjoy each others company. Box 434103 **TXT**

TONBRIDGE male, 41, 5ft5, brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, driving, relaxing nights in, seeking a loyal woman, 36-42, who's caring and fun-loving. Box 435239 **TXT**

NICE guy, 40, enjoys life, having fun, going out, staying in, loves motorsport, looking for a nice lady, to spend time with/more. Box 422668 **TXT** P

THOUGHTFUL male, 41, 6ft, shaved head, blue eyes, medium to stocky build, looking for a caring female to share good times. Box 899053 **TXT** P

40YR old, male, good health, good job/home/car, good friends and family, work hard, like to play when I can, down-to-earth. Box 913490 **TXT** P

LAID-BACK, 40yr old single dad of 2, like country walks, going out, socialising, seeks female, GSOH, for friendship, more. Gillingham. Box 409834 **TXT**

HI I'm John, 43, brown hair, 5ft10, looking for nice, attractive, curvy ladies for friendship, romance, and cuddles. Box 435712

EASYGOING male, 40, 6', brown hair/blue eyes, likes pubs, restaurants, animals, laughter. Do you believe there are still some good men out there? Here I am! Box 934739 **TXT**

BLOND, blue-eyed male, 42, slim, likes running, cycling, cinema, travel, music, martial arts, eating in/out, seeking an active lady with similar interests. Box 432632 **TXT**

43YR old male, 5ft6, black hair, brown eyes, fit and healthy, divorced with 2 kids, seeking someone, 25-45, who likes to go out/stay in. Box 435386 **TXT**

EASY-GOING 43yr old single dad, stocky build, very confident, GSOH, enjoy pubs, meals out, looking for a female to share laughs and outings. Box 435262 **TXT**

SLIM male, 42, 5ft11, genuine, reliable, N/S, likes all the usual things in life, WLTM genuine, down-to-earth lady, for friendship, dates, relationship. Gillingham area. Box 425419 **TXT** P

CONFIDENT male, 42, 5'10", nice build, single dad, own home, loves cooking, going out, sports, WLTM someone similar to me. Maidstone. Box 411411 **TXT**

HANDSOME, well-balanced, Maidstone male, 42, medium build, enjoys cinema, music, restaurant, seeks pretty, spontaneous, slim lady, for all the good times ahead. Box 820901 **TXT**

ATTENTION ladies! Nice looking, cheeky, fun loving guy, 42, seeks an attractive, fun loving female for loads of fun & laughs. East Kent. Box 824810 **TXT**

WARM, tactile male, 42, 6ft, likes socialising, pubs, clubs, cosy nights in, seeks like minded female, for friendship, leading to more. Box 388967 **TXT**

HONEST, tactile, romantic male 42, 5'10", green eyes, varied interests, the gym, wining, dining out, seeks female/single mum, 30-45, for friendship and more. Box 390669 **TXT** P

RELIABLE, thoughtful, professional male, 42, 6'2", dark hair, hazel eyes, GSOH, enjoys music, sports, cinema, meals out, WLTM like-minded, attractive female for friendship, possibly more. Box 397492 **TXT**

GOOD looking male, 42, 6'2", well built, muscular, fit, enjoys cars, motorbike, golf, rugby, socialising, travel, seeks female for friendship, leading to serious relationship. Box 158489 **TXT**

YOUNG-AT-HEART 44yr old male, blond hair, blue eyes, easy-going nature, likes eating out, music, cinema etc, WLTM adventurous, witty, fit female for possible LTR. Box 432940 **TXT**

TALL, fun-loving, good-looking former athlete, 44, lived in USA many years, likes music, sports cars, looking for dark haired or exotic lady, GSOH, for LTR.Ashford. Box 430121 **TXT**

I'M 45, 5ft10, medium build, blue eyes, shaved head, like having fun, a laugh, love music and film, seeking a female 25-48 for romance. Box 435737 **TXT**

DIVORCED male, 45, 5ft11, brown hair, medium build, likes pubs, clubs, swimming, football, seeks sociable woman for something special. Box 435091 **TXT**

HAPPY, honest man, 43, 6ft, brown-hair/eyes, 2 children, attractive, true and active, varied interests, likes evenings in, weekends away, seeks similar female, for hopefully LTR. Box 940571

ALLAN, 46, 6ft, brown hair, GSOH, likes going out, football, keeping fit, seeks sporty female for friendship and more. Box 434948 **TXT**

SINCERE family man, 46, 5ft11, blue eyes, bald, no ties, grown up kids, loves cooking, beach walks, seeking similar with good heart, for family life. Box 435207 **TXT** P

EASY-GOING guy, genuine, 46, 5ft7, slim, hard-working, own home, adventurous, enjoys nights in/out, drives, weekends away, socialising, walks, seeking someone to enjoy life with. Box 435393 **TXT**

BLOND, blue-eyed male, 46, 5ft8, enjoys socialising, cinema, live alone in Ashford, looking for a great lady for fun, friendship and more. Box 421664 **TXT**

WARM, sincere, N/S, eligible, stimulating, male, 46, well groomed, OHAC, 5'10", slim/medium, settled but playful, seeks similar lady to share LTR and smiles. Box 924095 **TXT** P

LOOKING for friendship, maybe more with an intelligent, slim, attractive woman. I'm fit, 40s, sociable, sensitive, and fun. Enjoy good company, like a drink and smoke. Box 897985 **TXT** P

YOUTHFUL dad, 45, 5'10", brown hair, med build, divorcee, likes pubs, cinema, restaurants, theme parks, WLTM female, 36-45, slim, for possible LTR. Cranbrook. Box 737529 **TXT**

48 year old male, hard-working, 6ft1, genuine, likes car restoration, DIY, gardening, holidays, seeking someone sensible, up to 48. Box 435474 **TXT**

50-YEAR-OLD reliable male, 6'2", dark hair, well-built, looking for possible LTR with someone who is honest, trustworthy and caring. Box 435627 **TXT**

YOUNG 51, good-looking, young-looking, N/S, GSOH, fit, slim, romantic, solvent, caring, likes most things in life; food/wine etc, seeking genuine lady to share life with. Box 434593 **TXT**

FUN-LOVING male, 52, likes going out, playing golf, motor cycles, socialising, visiting new places, WLTM an interesting female. Box 427713 **TXT**

CREATIVE Tonbridge male, 45, sign writer, very artistic/musical, seeks intelligent, passionate, confident female, 30s-40s, for possible relationship. Box 288403 **TXT**

SENSITIVE, loyal, attentive, playful male, 51, enjoys gym, live music, cinema, meals out, walks, conversation, WLTM female, 45-65 for trust, friendship/possible relationship. Whitstable. Box 181246 **TXT**

55YR old honest, sociable, young at heart man, ginger hair, seeking that special lady companion to share great moments with. Box 435633 **TXT**

GOOD-NATURED male, 55, 5'5", average build/looks, likes coastal/country walks, current affairs, usual interests, WLTM similar female. Dover. Box 161359 **TXT**

PASSIONATE, fun-loving male, 57, WLTM curvaceous, good looking female, 40-60, for nice times and romantic nights out. Box 400561 **TXT**

58YR old tactful, caring male, blue eyes, blond hair, like driving, country walks, waiting out, looking for a loving, like-minded female for TLC. Box 430565 **TXT**

HI, I'm a tall, good-looking? easy-going, retired, tactile male, 60, GSOH, looking for a fun, intelligent, tactile lady, 45+, to enjoy ourselves. Box 434226 **TXT**

LOVING male 59, 6ft, likes sports, holidays, seeks slim, attractive lady, loyal & caring, for friendship and love. Chatham. Box 192892 **TXT**

VERY loving, tactile, caring male, 59, GSOH, genuine & honest, WLTM female for friendship and possible romance. Jan please leave contact details. Box 165276 **TXT**

HI my name's Steve, 62, own business, 5'10", blue eyes, short black hair, like cosy nights in, holidays, animals, seek female, for love and romance. Box 423275 **TXT**

PASSIONATE, caring, widowed, 65yr old male, 5'10", medium build, blue-brown eyes, grey hair, likes country/western music, walks, looking for lady, to be my soulmate. Sittingbourne. Box 414929 **TXT**

EASY-GOING, affectionate, Ashford man, 68, enjoys music, walking, cosy nights in, seeking an attractive lady, for genuine companionship. Box 422246 **TXT**

LOYAL, kind-hearted widower, 71, 6ft, good-hearted and humorous man, considered nice looking, brown hair, seeking a caring lady for company. Enjoy good food, music, walks. Box 435596 **TXT**

Men for men

I'M Paul, 40, genuine, down-2-earth, 5'9", GSOH, brown hair, blue eyes, average build, likes movies, DIY, theatre, keeping fit, travelling, looking for young male, non-smoker. Box 423252 **TXT** P

38YR old male seeks active guy, 18-66, for fun and friendship. Must be masculine, maybe builder, scaffolder, lorry driver etc. Box 824241 **TXT** P

GAY male, 42, seeks down to earth, gay male for fun and romance. Box 803816 **TXT**

ROCHESTER male, kind, genuine, 50yrs, likes steam railways, cooking, country walks, history, reading, looking for that someone special. Box 429211 **TXT**

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SINGLE mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406670 **TXT**

32YR old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WLTM tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430993 **TXT**

MUM of 1, I'm 5ft4, blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old. I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH. I like keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 431559 **TXT** P

OUTGOING, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5ft3, brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge. Seeks caring, loyal male for friendship, leading to more. Box 433107 **TXT** P

AFRICAN lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 413128 **TXT**

LOVING, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLTM caring, honest, loving, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422460 **TXT**

DIVORCED, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **TXT** P

SINGLE parent of 4 kids, 35, 5ft6 and long hair with blue eyes, looking for friendly guy for friendship and maybe more. Box 900447 **TXT**

INDEPENDENT, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and loyal male to share life with. Box 901771 **TXT** P

SINGLE 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286 **TXT**

LOVING female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666 **TXT**

BLACK female, 38 years old, 5ft2, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429656 **TXT**

HONEST, caring lady, attractive, from Tunbridge Wells, 37, hazel eyes, curvy, 5ft6, with GSOH, many interests, clubs, cooking, cosy nights. Looking for stocky male, 35-45. Box 424364 **TXT** P

CHATTY female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889 **TXT** P

ATTRACTIVE, trendy, outgoing, warm female, 30, dark brown eyes are a big feature, curvy but slim, like country pubs etc, WLTM spontaneous male for LTR. Box 403299 **TXT** P

ATTRACTIVE 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893 **TXT** P

KENT female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no ties, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks loyal, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 152862 **TXT**

MANDY, 38, lovely brunette, petite & slim, very tactile & bubbly, professional mum, WLTM honest, romantic N/S man. Box 432639 **TXT**

KIND, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendship first. Box 899694 **TXT** P

DECENT 36yr old female, medium build, fair hair, 5'6", likes cinema, eating & having fun, seeks like-minded male, 36-40, for friendship... Box 739664 **TXT**

BUBBLY 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102 **TXT**

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Our MPs show party loyalty in Commons vote on Euro treaty

By **PHIL REILLY**
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KENT MPs voted along party lines in the first House of Commons vote on the controversial new EU treaty.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown signed up to the treaty in December and the document is now in the process of being ratified by Parliament.

Despite a minor rebellion by 19 Labour MPs, a motion to ratify the bill was passed by a majority of 362 votes to 224.

MPs will now debate the document line by line over the next 15 days.

There were no Kent Labour MPs among the small group of rebels, with John Austin, Paul Clark, Stephen Ladyman, Bob Marshall-Andrews, Gwyn Prosser, Jonathan Shaw, Howard Stoate and Derek Wyatt voting in favour of ratifying the treaty.

This is despite the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee finding "no material difference" between the document and the previous constitution, which the Government had promised a referendum on.

Referendum

The county's 14 Conservative MPs all voted against ratifying the document.

Tories are demanding a referendum on the treaty, with Thanet North MP Roger Gale last week submitting a 3,500 signature petition to Downing Street demanding the public poll.

Mr Brown has insisted there is no need for a referendum on the treaty as Britain's 'red line' opt-out clauses had been protected.

Unlike the previous document, the new treaty does not override previous EU agreements, but merely amends them.

References to an EU flag and anthem have also been abandoned in the new treaty.

It does, however, create a new post of President of the European Union to be elected by leaders of member states, a new EU foreign minister, gives new powers to the European Court of Justice and writes into law the Charter of Fundamental Rights – although this creates new rights enforceable in the UK.

Mr Gale described the vote as "Parliament's night of shame".

He added: "Those of Kent's MPs who voted to support this further move towards a federal European super-state are guilty of a monumental breach of trust and will have to be held to account for that at the next general election."

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Hunt for toilet attacker

A MAN who indecently assaulted a boy in a Chatham toilet has not been caught more than a month after the incident.

The incident happened in the ground-floor toilets of the Pentagon Centre on December 14.

The boy claimed the man exposed himself and then touched the youngster on the leg.

He is a white man in his 60s, with messy white hair with a quiff at the front.

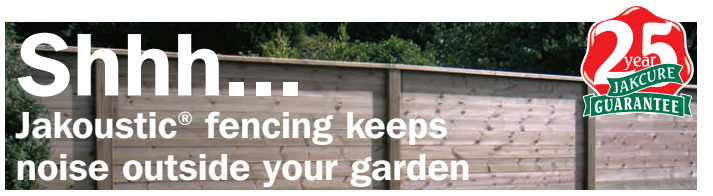
He is about 5ft 6in and was wearing a grey fleece.

Anyone with information about the incident can contact police on 01634 792525.

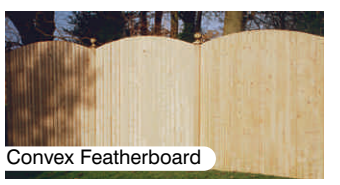
A MAN has died after a car crash in Cheriton. His Peugeot 306 left the road and hit a street lamp and tree at 6.38pm on Saturday. No other vehicle was involved. Karl Metalle, a 25-year-old father of two from Folkestone, was taken to hospital in Ashford where he was later pronounced dead. Three passengers were injured. The scene of the incident, Pond Hill Road, was closed until 10.40pm while police investigators looked into the cause of the crash. Call police on 01622 798583.

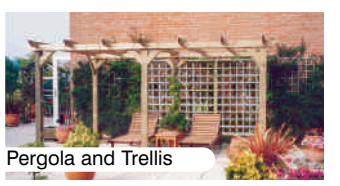
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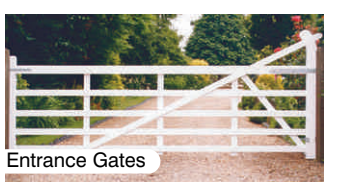

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COMMENT

Taken for a ride

IF TRAIN companies are to justify the millions upon millions of pounds of taxpayer cash they receive in subsidies while hiking up fares, the least the humble passenger can expect is good service.

Unfortunately, according to a Passenger Focus' customer satisfaction survey suggests this is not what Kent commuters think they are getting.

More than a third are convinced they are not getting value for money, and it is worth bearing in mind these people were surveyed before ticket prices increased dramatically in January.

It is hard to disagree when you see British rail passengers pay more than anyone in Europe. Having parted with all this cash we should have a modern, efficient and comfortable train service. This clearly is not the case, and it once again begs the question: "Where is our money going?"

Is it being pumped into service improvements or into the pockets of fat cats? Southeastern has once again refused to reveal its profits. It appears we are paying more and getting less – and that stinks.

Where's the faith?

IT IS no secret that faking religious devotion to get your child into a faith school is common practice.

KCC's Chris Wells this week echoed David Cameron's comments backing "middle class parents with sharp elbows", but is it right that they should encourage people to break the rules?

No one can blame a parent for wanting the best for their children. But when a faith school's reputation is built on its Christian ethos, it cannot be right to condone lying to get into it.

OPINION: Market forces at work

We might need another cut in the interest rate, says JAGJIT S CHADHA



THIS Tuesday morning, just as financial markets in the US were opening for business, the US Federal Reserve (the 'Fed') cut its interest rate from 4.25 per cent to 3.5 per cent.

Two aspects stand out as remarkable. First, the size of the cut was very large – typically central banks prefer to work in 0.25 per cent increments.

Second, the cut was announced as an emergency: standing outside the normal six-week schedule of policy setting meetings, with the next meeting merely a few days away.

With such extraordinary events in the US, people in the UK are entitled to ask themselves why this happened and what does it mean for interest rates here.

The aim of monetary policy is to try to limit unwarranted fluctuations in economic output.

In most economies, the main tool for trying to smooth economic activity over time is short-term interest rates.

The kind of rule followed by monetary authorities, such as the Bank of England or the Fed, is one that raises interest rates when economic activity seems too buoyant and lowers them should the general level of economic activity become too depressed.

In the US where there is a housing bust, unemployment has, in the space of one month alone, climbed from 4.7 per cent to 5 per cent, manufacturing surveys are signalling a recession and where in November last year at least 11 out of 50 states were measured to have zero growth or less, the likely level of activity requires a sharp boost from radically lower interest rates.

And that is what, more or less, the Fed has delivered.

The situation in the UK is similar but actually quite different.

Admittedly, the links between the two economies on the real and financial side are strong and there have been similar housing booms leaving a trail of eager consumers in their wake.



But demand in the UK has continued to be relatively strong with high and stable levels of employment.

That is why when the Fed interest rate committee voted for a 0.75 per cent cut on Tuesday only one member out of nine wanted to keep rates on hold but when the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England voted two weeks ago to keep rates unchanged, only one member out of nine wanted to cut rates by 0.25 per cent.

So despite the strong economics links, it simply does not seem that we have an equivalently large recession on the horizon as in the US and as long as we are mostly focused on an inflation objective – which is threatened by escalating food and energy prices – there is no strong case for cutting interests in a similarly precipitous manner.

So what is the bottom line? The UK is likely to have slower growth this year compared to last and if the financial crisis persists, the risk is that overall demand may falter even further.

This means that even in the presence of a temporary rise in inflation from food and oil prices, there will be some need to lower interest rates.

And starting with the 0.25 per cent cut in December to take rates down to 5.5 per cent, we have already embarked on that process.

How low will they go this year? If we look at financial markets, they seem to expect UK short-term interest rates to fall to around 4.5 per cent by the end of this year.

And who am I to argue with the markets?

• ***Jagjit S Chadha is a Professor of Economics at the University of Kent.***

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BENEDICT- EVANS
Joshua David born on 6th December 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Son to Matthew and Helena in Ramsgate.

BOND
Oliver Peter Frederick Bond born on 10th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Ian and Sarah Bond, and brother to Grace, in Staplehurst.

BOYNTON
Zoe and Will Boynton of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Cadan Rhys Boynton on 13th January 2008.

CALLOW
Ruby Sue Callow born on 16th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Tom and Lisa.

CHADWICK
Billy Ray Chadwick born on 8th January 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Dean Chadwick and Amy Bates in Maidstone.

COX
Tiana Rose born on 15th January 2008,weighing 9lbs 7oz. Daughter to Gordon and Christina in Ramsgate.

DRYDEN
Finley Charles born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 1oz. Son to Garry and Racheal in Margate.

FAIRBURN
Daniel and Louisa of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Charlie Fairburn. Born on the 22nd December 2007 weighing 8lb 10oz at Maidstone Hospital.

FLETCHER
Colin and Alanna Fletcher of Sittingbourne celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Andrew on 5th January 2008.

HARPER
James and Anna Harper of Paddock Wood are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madeleine Jo Harper, weighing 6lb 7oz, on 8th January 2008.

HOWARD
Annika and Mark of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Elva, born on 7th December 2007.

HUMPHREY
Keelan Humphrey born on 13th January 2008, weighing 5lb 15oz. Son to Gareth and Hayley of Tunbridge Wells.

HUYTON
Zac Dylan born on the 19th December 2007 weighing 4lb 6oz. Son to Gareth and Melanie of Lydd, brother to Kaitlin.

ILES
Steve and Sally of Chartham are very pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Sebastian Iles, on 19th December 2007. A new baby brother for Hannah, Luke, Ethan and Holly.

JANES
Logan Marshall born on 28th December 2007,weighing 8lb 3oz. Son to Zak Smith and Megan Janes in Herne Bay.Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

JOHNSON
Romeo Anthony David born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Kim and Anthony in Ramsgate. Nephew to Gabrielle, Michael, Donna, Shaun, Brenden and Glenn.

KIMBER
Marilyn and Derrick Kimber of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Natasha Kathleen on 8th January 2008.

KNOWLES
Melody and Gareth Knowles celebrate the birth of their son Benjamin Victor Knowles on the 6th January 2008, brother to Aidan.

LAMPORT
Lucy Hickey and Andrew Lamport of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Bradley Christopher Lamport on 14th January 2008.

LASKEY
Donna and Mike Laskey of Cliftonville celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Daniel on 10th January 2008.

LEVESCONTE
Micky and Sam are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Brooke Levesconte born on 18th January 2008 at 12.12am weighing 7lb 13oz.

NEAL
Jack George Neal born on 20th December 2007, weighing 6lb 1oz. Son to Jamie and Sarah in Aylesford.

RELF
Darrel and Danni are pleased to announce the birth of their son "Louis Michael Alan Relf" Born 08th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. A little brother to William.

RUSHBROOK
Grace born at home on 9th January 2008, weighing 8lb 3oz. Daughter to Steve and Nicola in Maidstone.

SHARPE
Benjamin Michael Sharpe born on 18th January 2008, weighing 9lb 2oz. Son to Justin and Melanie Sharpe of Tonbridge.

SHAW
Congratulations to Stuart Shaw and Carolyn Mallon on the birth of their beautiful daughter Abigail Joanne Shaw. Born on 9th January 2008.

SQUIRE
Andrew and Rosaria are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sofia. born on 10th January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. A little sister for Natalia.

STRATTEN
Jonathan and Jennifer Stratten of Wadhurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Esther Lily Margaret Stratten on 26th December 2007.

THOMPSON
Richard and Tanja Thompson of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Milan James on 7th January 2008.First grandchild for Jackie and Roger Thompson.

TRICE
Alfie born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Becky and David in Margate.

TYLER
Malachi Frederick John Tyler born on 4th January 2008, weighing 10lb 3oz. Son to Graham and Emma Tyler of Tunbridge Wells and a baby brother for Tom, David, Kirsty, Zechariah, Samuel and Ayesha.

WATERS
Benjamin Hadley born on 9th January 2008, weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to Scott and Jane Waters in Ramsgate.

WEBSTER
Thomas Frederick Webster born on 7th January 2008, weighing 7lb. Beautiful son to Rhian and Michael.

WHITTLE
Jenny and David Whittle of Bearsted celebrate the birth of their daughter Katherine Mary Claire Whittle, on 15th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 7lb 8oz.

DEATHS

BALL
Henry Frederick Ball of East Malling passed away peacefully after a short illness on 20th January 2008, aged 73.

BAXTER
William Edward Baxter passed away peacefully, in his sleep, at his home in Herne Bay. A loving dad, grandad and great grandad who will be very sadly missed, not only by the family but all who knew him. The funeral was held on January 24th at Christchurch, Herne Bay.

BENNETT
Gladys Bennett formerly of Dargate passed away peacefully on 16th January in Faversham aged 84.

BILBROUGH
Henry George Bilbrough of Yalding passed away on 17th January 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

BUCKINGAHM
Margaret Buckingham of Margate died peacefully on 10th January 2008. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 1.20 p.m. on 23rd January.

BURCH
Peter Alan Burch passed away suddenly on 14th January 2008, aged 51. Funeral service at All Saints Church Loose at 12 noon on Wednesday 30th January.

COLLINS
Violet Collins, of East Farleigh, passed away on 17th January 2008, aged 93. Sadly missed by all the family. There will be a memorial service at East Farleigh Church on Friday 1st February at 2pm to celebrate her life, all who knew her are welcome.

EAGLETON
David John (Dave) died peacefully at home in his sleep on 4th January. Sadly missed by his wife Anna, Mother Ruby and Sheba. Funeral at Barham Crematoriam on 31st January at 2 pm. Flowers, if desired to Lyons Military Road.

ELLIS
Kathleen Joan Ellis passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Directors on 01622 754663.

FEATLEY
Kenneth Featley of Westgate passed away peacefully after a long illness on 16th January 2008, aged 67. Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00 on 28th January. No flowers ,donations to Pilgrims Hospice Thanet.

GORE
Arthur Charles passed away peacefully on January 2nd 2008 aged 91. "A true gentleman and friend to so many." A loving husband, father, uncle and Grandad. Forever in our hearts, God bless, rest in peace. Lots of love Sheila, Heather, Derek, Martin, Rebecca and Stuart. xxx

HOLLINGWORTH
Harry passed away in Shepherdswell on 16th January 2008 aged 87. Funeral 28th January 3.20 pm at Thanet Crematorium. Enquires to W S Cole 01843 821253.

KIRBY
Mary Kirby of Birchington (formerly of Welling) passed away peacefully after a long illness on 13th January 2008, aged 63.

MACDONALD
Ron of Maidstone died peacefully at home on 14th January 2008. Funeral Service at Maidstone Crematorium at 2:45 pm on 29th January 2008.

MINTO
Daphne Joan Minto of Maidstone, formerly of Lowestoft in Suffolk, died peacefully on 16th January 2008, aged 79. Donations gratefully accepted for The Heart of Kent Hospice.

PAGE
Poppy Louise Page sadly taken from us whilst coming into this world on 15th January 2008. Beautiful daughter of Stuart and Vicky and sister to Lily. Funeral to take place at Barham Crematorium on Monday 4th February at 10.00 am. A celebration - no black please.

PLAYFORD
Mark Playford and family are sad to announce the passing of Mary Jean on the 11th January 2008.

ROBB
Peter Robb of Chatham died peacefully on January 12th 2008, aged 76. Funeral service at St. Augustines Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham at 2.15pm on Monday 28th January.

SELDON
Gerard Arthur ("Gerry")Seldon died peacefully at Sevenoaks Hospital on the 15th January 2008. Memorial Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life at Chevening Church on Friday 1st February at 12 noon. No Flowers but donations to Hospice in the Weald or Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital.

VANNS
Wendy (77) Sadly passed away 21st January 2008 at Kent and Sussex Hospital will be greatly missed by family and many friends.

WILLIAMSON
Jill died suddenly at home on 13th January 2008 aged 49. Service at Thanet Crematorium 2pm on 30th January 2008. Flowers to Gores Funeral Directors Margate.

WRIGHT
Doreen (Dotty) Wright. Former head of English at William Gibbs and Queen Elizabeth Schools passed away on 17 January 2008 after a short illness. Funeral will be held at Thanet Crematorium on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made to the Stroke Association care of Beltinge and District Funeral Services.

KCC's 'free' newspaper

Thanks to your newspaper, council taxpayers and councillors now know that Kent County Council's "free" newspaper, Around Kent, costs us all some £200,000 a year out of the council's £6 million promotions budget.

Publicity paid for by council taxpayers should "not over-simplify facts, issues or arguments". It "should not be a prejudicial, unreasoning or political attack on the policies or proposals" of others or "on those putting them forward" (to quote the national Code of Recommended Practice). Yet KCC seems to do all this in Around Kent.

In the most recent edition, Around Kent claims that KCC "is calling on the Government to put vulnerable children higher on its agenda" when the issue is that KCC wants Government to hand over taxpayers' money without checking the council's claims for caring for unaccompanied asylum seeking children.

In the same edition, the council's latest Conservative leader presents a set of figures to support his claim that Kent gets less than its fair share of Government (taxpayers') money. Around Kent oversimplifies. What it doesn't say is that the differences in spending per person across the country are the result of differences in need.

And on top of all this, KCC saw fit to give publicity to Bob Geldof's opinions about Margate, which will have done the town's regeneration no favours.

Mike Eddy
Labour leader
Kent County Council

A waste of our money

I quite agree with the secretary of the East Kent Association of Senior Citizens Forum's letter last week.

It is quite disgusting that Kent County Council is always pleading poverty, always puts its tax up and at the same time wastes hundreds of thousands of pounds on self-promoting rubbish like Around Kent and its new, watched-by-very-few but very expensive, council TV.

Abel Taylor
Sittingbourne

Make the visitors wait

Reading the article about French blockade jamming up Kent roads gave me an idea.

When this happens next, why not make all French trucks and cars wait last before continuing their journey back home and allow all the others who were held up go first?

Believe me, this would give those French a taste of their own medicine and criticise their countrymen's pointless actions. This would do the dirty work for Britain without getting involved in French domestic affairs.

The European Union could not give a damn about these actions of the French so don't hold your breath for it to ever end.

Joe Sardena
Swanley

Army exploiting children

I read with resignation the verbal shoulder shrugging of Brigadier Iain James in your paper last week.

The brigadier's rejection as "nonsensical" of claims made that recruitment ads for the Army make the job appear more glamorous than it actually is, does not tally with the attempts the Army is making at recruitment in schools.

In the area I live in, Chatham, these normally take the form of 'Army Personal Development Days' under cover of work-related learning programs that introduce young people in a 'fun kind of way' to a career in the military.

These are normally aimed at children of between 15 and 16 years old and activities usually take the form of indoor assault courses, outdoor games and teambuilding.

There is no doubt we do indeed require an Army to defend the UK against an invader intending to destroy our nation and our way of life.

However, what is clear is that now the Army is being sent abroad to wage illegal wars of appropriation.

I am deeply disturbed that the Army can use something as benign sounding as a work-related learning program to lure children into its service. These children are innocents.

But there is a real danger that society is betraying them by rearing them into knowing nothing of the larger realities of the world, beyond their own domestic, personal spheres.

The Army appears to be clearly exploiting this in order to increase recruitment and with the connivance of local government.

Alan Haynes
Northfleet

Police must slow down

Regarding the fatal crash involving a police car on the A28 near Bethersden and the coroner's verdict that this was an accident.

It was a collision, and an unnecessary death.

Most of the A28 is totally unsuited to driving at anything approaching 100mph, whether police car, or no police car.

Our village police houses have been sold off, and police cover is now too centralised.

In the old days, the police response to a local domestic dispute – as this case was – would have been dealt with by a local policeman, travelling by bicycle or in a panda car.

Now police are obliged to drive like bats out of hell to reach a distant village from a centralised base, to try to answer a call-out, and meet time targets.

That is one side of the coin.

Another side was revealed on a recent BBC programme about police drivers on the motorway. A police driver admitted that they get a buzz through driving fast.

There is a Facebook website on which police boast about their crashes, containing some 30 pictures of crashes.

The general public should expect their police force to manage law and order.

We should be able to have full trust in them.

Deaths through violence are comparatively rare, except on our roads; the police should not be adding to that problem.

Ted Prangnell
Kennington

MPs are well rewarded

I refer to your recent articles, 'MPs' salary vote' and 'Former minister gets new job'.

It is evident a majority of people feel our MPs and MEPs are already adequately compensated. This remuneration cannot be compared with private sector salaries.

MPs and MEPs frequently benefit from more than one paid occupation.

Dr Stephen Ladyman is able to find time to work for ITIS Holdings PLC.

MPs and MEPs receive substantial allowances and expenses that in some instances do not even have to be justified or documented.

MPs and MEPs have extended holiday breaks.

MPs and MEPs benefit from a gold-plated pension scheme.

MPs and MEPs are rarely accountable for their actions.

In the event ministers or the like are forced to resign then they are more than adequately compensated.

Perhaps our MPs and MEPs could negotiate a reduction in allowances and expenses against a salary increase.

B Ingledew
Tonbridge

Pensioners should learn a lesson from French protestors

Again, we see the pensioners of this country clobbered with gas and electricity hikes, in most cases by some 20 per cent on the pretence of increase of costs, when in fact it is only to appease shareholders.

EDF is a classic example, being owned by the French Government. The people of France have cheaper fuel than England, and you may ask why.

Simple, the people of France will not tolerate unjustified increases in fuel and state taxes.

The French people stand their ground, while we English just sit back and moan and do nothing.

Until the people of this country stand up and be counted, we will forever be taken for a ride.

So, I pose the question, when are we as pensioners going to stand up and be counted, take to the streets and scream blue murder about these fuel prices?

EW Shannon
Sheerness

There was no sneer

In a letter, published on the week ending January 6, EG Egan accuses me of giving a "sneering response to your previous correspondent".

I am appalled that anyone could think that I would ever sneer at any mother proud of her child's achievement.

Martin Frey
STEP – Stop The Eleven Plus
Appledore

• Editor's note: KOS Media accepts that there was no sneer, open or implied, in Martin Frey's letter concerning a mother's pride in her daughter's achievements, and is happy to set the record straight.

Train boss too optimistic on passenger numbers

Eurostar has recently reported it will not be revealing passenger numbers using Ebbsfleet until the spring.

In the past, Eurostar chief executive, Richard Brown has appeared over-optimistic to many.

Early days it may be, but being tight-lipped must surely give the impression loadings to date have been nowhere near the level predicted.

This is hardly surprising given the all-too-regular delays on the M25 between Swanley and the A2 resulting from long-term roadworks to improve interchange between the motorway and A2.

The relatively high daily parking charge of £11.50 and scarcity of public transport – except the Fast Track bus from North Kent – could have done little to alleviate the situation.

It remains to be seen whether Richard Brown honours the promise the review the pattern of stops at both Ebbsfleet and Ashford after the former has been in business for six months.

Richard Phillips
Sandhurst

Electricity storage

I am fascinated by Ray Duff's revelation in your newspaper that "electricity storage has also basically been solved, just requiring investment to develop the technology".

This advance would, of course, mitigate one of the most severe difficulties with producing electricity from wind – that when there is no wind, there is no electricity.

Mr Duff doesn't give any indication of the type of technology this solution uses, nor does he quote his sources, and I would be indebted if he could elaborate.

Chris Morley
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STUDENTS got a glimpse of university life as the Aimhigher roadshow rolled into The Towers School, Kennington on January 18.

The roadshow gives young people a taste of what university is like. The event included an interactive presentation on all aspects of student life, from subject choices to finance.

Dame Kelly: social education is needed

DAME Kelly Holmes has urged the Government to put teenagers through army-style training camps.

The double gold medallist from Tonbridge claimed the programme would address the loss of everyday skills and discipline often caused by family breakdown and modern life.

Dame Kelly, who was in China with Prime Minister Gordon Brown to promote an exchange programme for athletes, said: "What we need isn't quite National Service but if, with business support, you had a month of intense training in life skills, it would teach you some of those qualities of respect, training, discipline and basic skills, like how to turn up on time, finish a job and even iron your shirt.

"It would be a programme where you are shown how to do interviews, apply for a job, basic banking, what a mortgage is. When you come out you are an adult.

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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"It's going to help society because it is about your core values."

But the runner's calls have been rejected by both Kent County Council and the Department for Children, Schools and Families, which say the same skills are already being taught in secondary schools.

Allan Foster, who is the lead curriculum advisor for Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE) in Kent, said: "I don't think that [Dame Kelly's recommendations are] necessary. If you look at the whole curriculum many of these elements are covered."

He said the new PSHE curriculum for September 2008 will be expanded to cover economic well-being, careers education, financial capability and money management.

Mr Foster said there was also a drive for "out of classroom learning" meaning field trips where pupils camp or stay in hostels to learn life skills such as cooking.

On the subject of discipline, he said: "I suppose what we are seeing in schools is a much more gentle approach to discipline, which seems to be working. If you look at statistics of school exclusions and issues arising about discipline the situation is improving.

"Listening to what students need and responding, engaging with young people – that is what is needed."

He added: "There is a danger in stereotyping young people today.

"By and large most young people are well behaved but the media is quick to paint everyone with the same brush.

"A significant minority do cause trouble and perhaps they would [benefit from Dame Kelly's suggestion] but we need to look at the whole array of opportunities and support already available.

"These kinds of activities would be advantageous for some but we have to be careful it's not the panacea for everyone."

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Teachers to learn about diploma courses

CANTERBURY Christ Church University has won a contract to train teachers to deliver diploma courses.

The Government plans to roll out 17 vocational diploma courses across the country by 2013 to be offered alongside GCSEs and A-Levels.

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The university has won a £340,000 grant to train teachers in subjects such as construction and the built environment, creative and media, engineering, health and development and information technology. The distance learning courses will begin this April.

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Salary: Package up to Circa £45,000

Reporting to the Housing Operations Manager, you will lead our council tenancy management service, you'll build on what we've achieved to date, while continually raising standards.

As we provide housing services to around 6,000 households, this is a major challenge and you'll need to use your skills and talents to the full. You will have a proven track record in providing tenancy services, first class communication, negotiation, consultation and influencing skills.

Caretaker Services Co-ordinator Ref: CSO/WA

Salary: Package up to Circa £27,000

This is an exciting opportunity for an individual with the skills to further develop caretaking services provided to residents across the borough. Tenants regularly inform us that a good caretaking service is one of their main priorities and this role is therefore a key one within the department.

Reporting to the Tenancy Services Manager, you will manage, and lead our caretaking service and ensure innovation and best practice are core to the delivery of the caretaking service.

Neighbourhood Development Worker Ref: NDW/EMK

Salary: Circa £17,000 – £21,000

This is an exciting opportunity for an individual with the skills to encourage and facilitate the involvement of residents across the borough. In accordance with the Council's resident involvement strategy you will develop and support a range of tenant participation initiatives and promote and develop effective partnerships between residents, members and staff.

You will have proven experience in tenant participation, resident involvement, community development or social housing; excellent written and verbal communication skills and an innovative approach to problem solving. You will be required to undertake data analysis therefore IT literacy is essential.

Rent Arrears Officer Ref: RAO/WA

Salary: Circa £17,000 – £21,000

In this varied role you will be responsible for carrying out arrears recovery action which will include attending court. A strong team player, you will have he ability to work effectively to meet targets for rent collection and arrears.You will have experience of debt recovery, good communication and IT skills and the ability to prepare reports and present cases.

A full driving licence and use of a vehicle is essential as you will be required to carry out home visits throughout the borough.

Closing date for all posts: Monday, 11 February 2008.

For an application form and job description please contact:
Customer Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre,
Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU.

Telephone: 01474 33 70 00
Email: customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
Website: www.gravesham.gov.uk

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Financial Services
Accountancy

Clerical Assistant

Salary: Circa £11,500 – £14,500

We are seeking an enthusiastic teamplayer with previous clerical/admin experience to join our Finance department. Excellent administrative and IT skills, outstanding customer service skills and the ability to work under pressure are also essential in this role. **Ref: CA/SG**

Closing date: 8 February 2008.

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Canterbury College is a leading FE and HE College which offers opportunities and an environment in which our 800 staff and 12,000 learners can reach their potential, so we can achieve our goal of being one of the best Colleges by 2010. To support this, the College has been undergoing a £50 million re-development, which opens in January 2008. We are now developing plans for Phase 3, for completion in 2012.

Co-ordinator Beauty Therapy
14.8 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,236 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/13/KOS

Lecturer Supported Learning
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/173/KOS

Lecturer Basic Skills
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/14/KOS

Supply Lecturers Leisure & Tourism
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 - £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: SH/LT/KOS

SUPPORT POSTS

Learning Support – Early Years
27.75 hrs per week, 38 weeks term time. Salary starting from £16,284 pro rata per annum.
Post ref: SH/LSSEY/KOS

Hair & Beauty Receptionist
18.5 hrs per week, 40 week per year. Salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/17/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4 February 2008 at 12 noon

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- Sports Hall and Gym
- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Discover your Potential

Mid-Kent College is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent with over 12,000 students, 800 staff and an income in excess of £27m.
Located at four sites in Maidstone, Chatham and Rochester we will open our new £82 million campus to students in September 2009.
At a time of unprecedented change the College is looking to recruit a number of professionals to help deliver our vision and values in the following areas.

Additional Learning Support (CAST) Tutor **Ref: 183**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

The main task of the post-holder will be to organise, deliver, monitor and evaluate the additional learning support for learners. Preferably JCQ qualified. You will also have a recognised teaching qualification and be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in assessing and supporting learners.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation **Ref: 217**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic professionals to teach, assess and participate in the development of Electrical Installation courses. The successful candidate will assist learners in all practical aspects of electrical installation and be able to assess competence at all levels on electrical programmes. The applicant must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities **Ref: 226**
Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954

We have an excellent opportunity for a Lecturer in Electrical Installation who will be actively involved in the development and promotion of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. This post would provide an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated lecturer to take a first step into Management.

Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering **Ref: 320**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

The primary role of the post-holder will be to teach, demonstrate, facilitate, assess machining operations and participate in the development of Mechanical Engineering courses. You will have proven experience in Mechanical Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Knowledge of CAD/CAM would be an advantage, applicants should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Psychology **Ref: 262**
Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

We are looking for a Lecturer in Psychology is to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants should hold a relevant degree in Psychology and have the ability to teach A/S and A2 Level and Access courses.

Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering **Ref: 294**
Lecturer Grade B: £24,361- £27,897

You will contribute to the development, management and teaching of hospitality programmes. With current knowledge and practical experience of the Catering Industry you will have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in a relevant field. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification, Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and possess either a D32/33 or A Award.

HE Lecturer in Tourism (22 hours per week) **Ref: 297**
Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata

An opportunity has arisen for a HE Lecturer in Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on our foundation degree in tourism. You will also be required to teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a degree in Tourism and be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts **Ref: 081**
Lecturer Grade B £24,361 - £27,897

We have an exciting opportunity for a creative and dynamic individual with enthusiasm for working with younger students. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working.

You will have experience teaching in FE, ideally with an acting and/or drama specialisim with a minimum first degree in relevant subject area and hold an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills & ESOL **Ref: 383**
Lecturer Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840

The post holder will join a team of teachers who are responsible for delivering Skills for Life qualifications in ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills. The job involves preparing, organising and teaching ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills qualifications to full time and part time students. You will be a graduate with teaching experience and ideally have an ESOL/EFL qualification.

Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term & Permanent) **Ref: 132**
Grade E £19,161 - £24,700

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. A key responsibility will be to effectively liaise with departmental staff, parents/guardians and attend various meetings to share relevant information. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Assessor in Engineering **Ref: 325A**
(15 hours per week)
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata

An opportunity has arisen for an Assessor in Engineering. The successful candidates will be responsible for monitoring the progress of trainees and ensuring employers and managing agents are appraised of trainee progress in their respective areas. The post(s) will be responsible for assessing practical skills and internal verification of trainees therefore candidates should hold a relevant qualification for Mechanical Engineering or Services or Fabrication & Welding assessment.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation **Ref: N04**
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

We are looking for an Assessor/Officer in Electrical Installation. The successful candidate will review and assess learners in all aspects of electrical installation. You must possess a suitable qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. Good communication skills, both verbal and written are essential and ability to travel between College sites.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry **Ref: 003**
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

As a member of Construction Crafts you will liaise with employers and learners to co-ordinate, review and assess apprentices on funded programmes. You will have experience working in the Construction Industry as a Wood Occupations Assessor and have up-to-date knowledge of assessment issues.

Personnel Officer **Ref: N01**
Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000

Using strong business acumen you will provide comprehensive generalist advice to our clients and work closely with senior managers on specific projects and TUPE transfers.

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of employment legislation, including TUPE and have significant experience of capability, disciplinary and grievance procedures. The successful applicant must have the ability to introduce change effectively and diplomatically, whilst knowledge of payroll would be advantageous. You will have obtained a degree or equivalent qualification and CIPD membership/part membership or a willingness to work towards membership.

Personnel Advisor **Ref: 492**
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As a member of the Personnel department you will compliment the existing team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Personnel function. You will provide generalist advice to managers and staff and have an understanding of recent developments in employment legislation. The successful candidate will be educated to level 2/3 or equivalent and be able to demonstrate excellent administrative skills and practical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. In addition, an interest in Payroll would be advantageous and you will have obtained your CPP qualification or be willing to work towards it.

Payroll Assistant **Ref: 487**
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As a member of the Personnel and Payroll department you will assist in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Payroll, including processing joiners, leavers, pensions and claim forms. You will be able to demonstrate excellent numeracy skills and have the ability to produce and manipulate data using spreadsheets. Previous Payroll experience and an interest in employee relations would be advantageous.

Technician in Beauty **Ref: 045**
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be energetic with good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within the beauty industry.

Travel Shop Advisor **Ref: 313**
(15 hours per week)
Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata

A vacancy has arisen in our fully ABTA bonded travel agency for an experienced travel consultant. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of travel courses and provide comprehensive and professional travel provision for staff, students and visitors to the College.

Examinations Assistant **Ref: 605**
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel.

Receptionist/Administrator **Ref: 464**
(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover, Maidstone)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Receptionist/Administrator (Chatham & Rochester) **Ref: 397**
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

As a member of the multi-disciplined Campus Management Team you will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception/administration and front-line experience essential.

Library Assistant **Ref: 559**
(18.5 hours per week 40 weeks per year)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

As part of a team you will assist in the provision of front line library services, ensuring the delivery of high quality, easily accessible services to all users. We are looking to appoint a professional and enthusiastic individual with excellent administrative skills who is able to work accurately with alpha/numeric systems. You will be educated to GCSE or equivalent level in Mathematics and English.

Learner Finance Administrator **Ref: 615**
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Your prime responsibility will be to define and maintain a central College system for delivering the administrative requirements of all Learner Finance services within set financial guidelines. Services include, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Audit Learning Grant (ALG).

Department Administrator **Ref: 442**
(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications.

Apprentice in Administration **Ref: N02**
(1 year Fixed-Term Contract)
Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350

As a member of the Curriculum Team you will provide support to College stakeholders and the learning and development function. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

Administration Assistant **Ref: 485**
(Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover)
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum

Working with the Learning and development team you will assist in the planning and co-ordination of all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. Advanced knowledge and experience of using Microsoft Office and the ability to plan, organise and take minutes of meetings is essential.

Entry to Employment Facilitator **Ref: N03**
(6 months Fixed-Term)
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

We are looking to recruit an individual with excellent administration skills to assist with the day-to-day recording of student progress and to liaise with external and internal agencies under the guidance of Tutors.

Please note that all posts are subject to a 3% cost of living increase effective from 1 February 2008.

The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 15 February 2008

Mid-Kent College is committed to Equal Opportunities and encourages applications from all sections of the community and welcomes applications from under represented groups including black, minority ethnic and disabled people.

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Unqualified Tutor

Unqualified Tutor Scale £14,751 – £23,331 pa
Temporary post for three years
Adolescent Resource Centre, Folkestone

The Adolescent Resource Centre concept is well established in other areas of Kent. The Folkestone 'ARC 25' builds on the existing models of innovative multi-agency alternative curriculum projects for disengaged and disaffected KS4 young people, providing broad professional support from a range of agencies and an exciting working environment.

Committed to high quality and genuinely imaginative education, focused on the needs of young people, ARC 25 in Folkestone is looking for committed education staff to join a team working from other agencies, including Social Services, Youth & Community, Connexions, Youth Offending Service and Health.

This post covers work with the client group both in centre and when needed being lead tutor on the Three Men in a Boat project which is a peripatetic learning provision working with young people with extreme and complex needs.

You will need to provide evidence of commitment to the welfare of, and effective working with, vulnerable, disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to multi-agency team working and curriculum innovation.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: CFE/08/0017**

Closing date: midday, 7th February 2008.

Resilience Co-ordinator

£19,572 – £29,190 per annum Salary dependent on experience and progression through the Career Grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies
Invicta House, Maidstone

KCC delivers vital services to the public and it is essential that it can continue to do so in times of crisis. To ensure this, we need an additional person to help develop our business continuity arrangements.

If you understand business continuity in its widest sense and can guide and motivate people who work across a broad range of disciplines, please contact us. Knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation would be an advantage, but we are not seeking IS/IT specialists.

As a member of the Emergency Planning Group you may also be actively involved in addressing any emergency affecting the County. **Ref: CD/08/0014.**

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.

Emergency Planning Officer

Salary and location as above.

KCC and the District Councils in Kent play a vital role in responding to a wide range of emergencies, helping those affected and restoring the community to normality. We need another person to join our Team to assist in discharging the County Council's duties under the Civil Contingencies Act, and a range of associated activities. The work is interesting and challenging. You should have a sound knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation. Knowledge of Emergency Planning would be an advantage.

Ref: CD/08/0015

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.



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Kent Adult Placement

Kent Adult Placement Scheme is a service that supports vulnerable adults to access greater everyday life opportunities within their local community, by recruiting and supporting ordinary members of the community to become carers.

Carers and their families open their homes to provide, a place to stay and support individuals who want to be more independent by sharing and contributing in an ordinary family lifestyle.

Team Manager – Adult Placement Scheme

Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum
Kroner House, Ashford

As a Team Manager, you will be skilled in managing and developing person centred support services that promote independence and inclusion.

You will need to be committed to work in partnership with staff, people who use our service and carers to ensure high quality services are delivered that meet Care Standards.

Good communication, budget management, business planning, performance management and people skills are essential to this post

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: KASS/08/0020.**

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

Adult Placement Assistants

£16,556 to £22,268 Pro Rata salary dependent on experience and progression through the career grade is based on the fulfilment of required competencies
Part-time 30 hours per week
Ashford, Kings Hill and Margate

As an Adult Placement Assistant you will assist the Adult Placement Officers in supporting and monitoring a growing caseload of placements.

You will work with carers, vulnerable adults, care managers and other professionals and need to demonstrate a person centred approach, excellent interpersonal/report writing skills and a good understanding of the needs of vulnerable people and the issues likely to impact on their lives

In return, you will receive a comprehensive induction, regular structured supervision and a strong commitment to training and development.

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: KASS/08/0008**

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

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www.kent.gov.uk/jobs

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Lecturer, Animal Management

£21,762 to £29,337 per annum
Three months fixed term contract.

A member of our team is taking a sabbatical to undertake wildlife conservation research in Zambia and we are therefore looking for a highly motivated individual to cover his teaching while he is gone. Joining a vibrant and enthusiastic team, you will be required to tutor, teach and give practical instruction in Animal Management to a range of students on Further and Higher Education courses at our Hadlow and Canterbury campuses.

The successful candidate will need practical experience in an animal care industry plus teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting. A keen interest in a wide range of animal related subjects is essential, as is a qualification in an animal related subject (Degree, Vet Nursing, etc).

In addition to the minimum requirements detailed above, candidates will also need a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one, excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team. Qualifications A1/A2 (or D32 and D33) would also be an advantage.

This post is for a fixed term period of three months commencing in April 2008. Depending on student recruitment however, this post could lead to a more permanent opportunity in 2008/9.

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail us at 'jobs@hadlow.ac.uk'.

The closing date is Monday, 11th February 2008.

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CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES

.NET Developer

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum

We are seeking to recruit a talented and experienced .NET Developer to significantly contribute to the University's student portal project.

You will enjoy working as part of a team and must be a self-starter who is dynamic and driven to succeed. You will be proactive, with excellent verbal and written communication skills and the ability to work unsupervised. You will have a proven track record of technical development and exceptional technical skills. You will have experience of implementing design frameworks within user interface applications.

You will have a degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline with significant and demonstrable development experience in .NET web application development using both C# and VB.Net. **Ref: ND/CIS/77.**

For an informal discussion contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Closing date: 7 February 2008. Interview date: 15 February 2008.

CAMPUS SERVICES

Night Security Manager

£22,332 to £24,403 per annum

You will be responsible for the leadership and management of the University night security staff throughout Canterbury (teaching, administration and student residential locations) during the evening and night time periods.

Reporting to the Security Manager, the post carries a wide range of security and student welfare related issues. You will work closely with other University managers, police and local community groups in connection with the licensed students bar, entertainment centre and student residences based on the North Holmes campus and throughout Canterbury.

You will have experience in either a relevant security environment or the Police/Military forces at supervisory level. **Ref: NSM/CAM/77.**

Closing date: 8 February 2008.

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference. No agencies.

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CANTERBURY CAMPUS

FACULTY OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES

Faculty Quality Officer (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £44,074 per annum

This is an exciting opportunity to work in University quality assurance. Reporting to the Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities), you will be responsible for the management of quality assurance for the Faculty, and will also contribute, as appropriate, to this work in the wider University.

With experience of quality assurance activity within Higher Education as well as a first and higher degree, you will also have significant experience of teaching, research and administration.

Informal enquiries can be made to Dr Paul Dalton, Pro-Vice Chancellor (Dean of Arts & Humanities) on 01227 782965. Ref: FQO2/AH/77

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, WELLBEING AND THE FAMILY

Instructor Demonstrator

£22,332 to £24,403 per annum (pro-rata if part time)

Do you have the skills and experience required to lead in delivering practical sessions to students of the Faculty of Health and Social Care, under the general guidance and direction of Academic staff? If you are an experienced technician and an excellent communicator, who enjoys sharing practical knowledge, developing the skills of others, working alongside students and academics and wants to develop a more focused teaching orientated career then we would welcome your application. You will be located within the Skills Laboratory Team. This post is offered as full time or two 18.5 hour posts **Ref: ID/HWF/77.**

Informal enquiries to Debra Teasdale, Head of Department of Health, Wellbeing and the Family on 01227 782519.

Programme Administrator

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

Responsibilities will involve a broad range of administrative and secretarial work to support programmes within the Department, with particular emphasis on the Child Nursing and Midwifery programmes. The role includes supporting the Programme Directors, timetabling, maintenance of student and programme records, production of support materials and arranging meetings.

With a minimum of GCSE A-C English or equivalent and recent experience in office administration/secretarial work, you must be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills and use of word processing, database and spreadsheet skills. The ability to work accurately to deadlines and effectively under pressure is essential. Experience of QLS database management would be advantageous, as would experience in higher education or the health service. **Ref: PA1/HWF/77.**

LEARNING AND TEACHING ENHANCEMENT UNIT (LTEU)

Faculty Learning Technologist

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

Working within the LTEU you will support the use of ICT in learning and teaching through providing advice, consultancy and technical assistance with implementing new developments in learning and teaching.

With significant experience of supporting staff in developing their use of learning technology, you will be competent across a range of computer applications and educational technologies, and demonstrate an imaginative grasp of their application in an educational context. You are likely to have a background in education or training.

Working as part of a team you will need to possess excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work to rigorous standards within demanding deadlines. **Ref: FLT3/LT/77.**

CORPORATE INFORMATION SERVICES

SQL Developer

£27,466 to £29,139 per annum

As an experienced SQL Developer working in the newly established Information Systems Development group within Corporate Information Systems, you will be making a significant contribution to the University's Information System Development programme and the development of the University's management information systems.

As a graduate with significant professional analyst/programmer and SQL development experience you will need excellent interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to work effectively on your own and as part of the team.

You will also need to demonstrate a proven track record of technical development and excellent technical skills with experience of implementing systems within a designed technical architecture. **Ref: SQL/CIS/77.**

For an informal discussion please contact Louise Sibley on 01227 782522.

Interview date: 12 February 2008.

DESIGN AND PRINT UNIT

Graphic Designer

£25,134 to £26,666 per annum

We require a highly motivated Graphic Designer with excellent technical and organisational skills. As a creative individual you will be expected to design and produce concepts and finished artwork for a wide range of materials and will act as the guardian of the University's corporate identity.

With a solid print design background and in-depth knowledge of design-for-print packages you will also need to be familiar with printing techniques and have understanding of the working methods, deadlines and production patterns of the print industry.

A good team player you will be used to working to tight dealines and balancing multiple projects and have the confidence to take a project from its initial brief through to the finished article. **Ref: GD/REP/77.**

AUGUSTINE HOUSE REDEVELOPMENT

Project Administrator (Fixed term for 18 months)

£17,651 to £19,264 per annum

A £30m development on the Canterbury ring road will provide a landmark building including a new Library and Learning Centre and a new Student Support Centre along with cafes and social space for the University.

As part of the University's largest ever estate development you will provide general and high level administrative support to the project team comprising an overall Project Manager and two Project Directors, a variety of sub-groups and associated projects and other estate development projects as necessary.

With a recognised word-processing/typing qualification and ECDL or equivalent you will have demonstrable experience of general administration and servicing meetings. Experience of working in a time critical project focused environment and providing PA support to multiple people is desirable. This role will require wide ranging organisational and liaison abilities and the desire to provide a high quality service in a timely and prioritised manner. **Ref: PA/AUG/77**.

COMPUTING SERVICES

Testing Administrator (Part time)

(Fixed Term until 31 July 2009)

£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata

Working in the Department's computer-based testing lab your duties will include the administration of candidates, invigilating exams in accordance with documented procedures, dealing with any problems and answering enquiries.

You will have good intermediate-level computing experience, patience and an eye for detail; experience in dealing with people of all ages and in sometimes difficult situations is essential, as is reliability and some flexibility as to working hours. A gentle sense of humour and a calm personality are a distinct advantage. **The post is for an average of 18 hours a week across the year, up to a maximum of 27 hours a week in October and November; the centre is open afternoons and evenings, midweek. Ref: TA2/CS/77.**

MEDWAY CAMPUS

ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONS

Senior Lecturer in Speech & Language Therapy (0.5fte)

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata

We are looking for an HPC-registered Speech and Language Therapist to join the enthusiastic SLT team supporting the Post Graduate Diploma in Speech and Language Therapy delivered jointly with University of Greenwich.

You will have expertise in working with adults with communication disorders, and although not essential, you may also have an interest in voice, applied linguistics, adult learning disabilities, or hearing impairment. You will develop this as a key role with existing colleagues from Canterbury Christ Church University and University of Greenwich. You will hold a relevant degree and be interested in extending your professional profile. **Ref: SLT1/AHP/77.**

For informal discussion, please contact Professor Kate Springett, Head of Department, on 01227 782935 or kate.springett@canterbury.ac.uk, or Marian McCormick on 01634 894432 or marian.mccormick@canterbury.ac.uk

BROADSTAIRS CAMPUS

ACCOMMODATION OFFICE

Housing Officer (21 hours)

£15,743 to £17,152 per annum

As part of the Accommodation Services team you will be helping to allocate students to their accommodation at the start of the academic year, assisting with any accommodation issues and ensuring that residential accommodation is kept secure and well maintained.

Ideally with a background in housing you will be a confident communicator with well developed interpersonal customer service skills.

Although working predominantly Wednesday (1pm to 5.30pm), Thursday (9am to 5.30pm) and Friday (9am to 5.30pm) you will also be required to work additional weekend hours at the beginning of each academic year (September) to welcome new students and to settle them into their Halls of Residence. **Ref: HO1/ACC/77.**

Application forms and further details are available from www.canterbury.ac.uk. Alternatively please call 01227 782475 (answerphone) or e-mail hr@canterbury.ac.uk quoting the above reference. No agencies.

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Director of FE Curriculum

Salary £75,000 37 hours per week
Post Ref:DFE

Exciting developments continue at Canterbury College, one of the largest providers of FE in the South East. These include a new campus redevelopment offering modern state of the art facilities. With rising success rates, growth in recruitment and a positive recent Ofsted inspection, Canterbury College is determined to be one of the best FE colleges in the south east by 2010, meeting the needs of students, employers and communities in East Kent and beyond.

Now the College is looking for a new Director of FE Curriculum to be a key member of the Senior Management Team and to deputise for the Principal. Reporting to the Principal you'll be responsible for shaping the future direction of the whole of the FE curriculum, across seven Faculties and the satellite Sheppey College.

Up to date knowledge of the FE curriculum and a good understanding of key national developments is essential. So too is a commitment to excellence, a focus on delivery and strategic understanding. A self-starter with drive, energy and enthusiasm, you'll have the presence, credibility and influencing skills to inspire confidence in staff, partner schools and all those with whom you'll engage. In return you'll gain the experience and the support to position you for leading your own college.

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

The closing date for the above post is Friday 22 February 2008 at 12 noon. Interviews will take place on: 13 & 14 March 2008.

Staff benefits include:
- Pensions and Life Assurance Scheme
- Proximity to Main bus/train Stations
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Required: from April or September 2008
PRIMARY MATHS SPECIALIST: 0.6 FTE
Salary: c. £28,500 p.a. (pro- rata)
Fixed Term: 2 year contract
(with possibility of extension dependent on funding)
Closing date: 15 February 2008

A highly motivated person is required to support achievement in numeracy in KS2 pupils at schools belonging to the Gravesham Excellence Cluster.
You will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, experience, enthusiasm and a good track record of success in the classroom and you will:-

- work with small groups and whole classes of KS2 pupils
- liaise closely with Maths Coordinators and class teachers to develop effective approaches that raise attainment in KS2
- liaise with staff involved in the KS1 numeracy recovery programmes
- provide appropriate professional development to teachers and teaching assistants

For an informal discussion about this post please contact Phil Monaghan on 01474 365818

Further information and application forms are available from Mary Muro 01474 365818; or murom@graveshamec.org.uk Please apply to Phil Monaghan GEC Coordinator c/o Thamesview School Thong Lane, Gravesend, DA12 4LF.

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Section Manager Construction Crafts
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £32,648 per annum.
Post Ref: 08/12/KOS

Co-ordinator Health & Social Care
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £26,236 per annum.
Post Ref: 04/171/KOS

Lecturer in Hospitality & Catering
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/48/KOS

Lecturer Electrical Installations
37 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 per annum.
Post ref: 06/131/KOS

HE Lecturer Music
9.25 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/15/KOS

HE Lecturer Music
18.5 hrs per week, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 08/16/KOS

HE Supply Lecturers -Assessor and Verifier awards
Various hours available, salary range £17,729 – £25,420 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: S/HE/KOS

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Staff benefits include:
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- Generous Holiday Allowance
- Staff Discount Scheme

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Service Desk Technician Level 3 (Computing Support)
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.
Post Ref: SDT3/KOS

Trainer Demonstrator Hospitality & Catering
18.5 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: 06/22/KOS

Evening Catering Assistant
16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,744 pro rata per annum.
Post Ref: CA6/KOS

Senior Administrator – Student Support Services
37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.
Post ref: 07/96/KOS

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ACCOUNTANCY

JOB TITLE:
Care Services Administrative Assistant
LOCATION:
Sittingbourne
SALARY:
Salary £13,500 - £14,500 with good benefits.
COMPANY:
Demelza House
TO APPLY:
Lavinia Jarrett - Demelza House
Tel: 01795 845207
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
14th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Clerical Assistant
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
Salary: Circa £11,500 – £14,500
COMPANY:
Gravesham Borough Council
TO APPLY:
Customer Services
Gravesham Borough Council
Tel: 01474 33 70 00
Email customer.services@gravesham.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Dental Nurse and Receptionist
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Omni Park Dental Centre
TO APPLY:
Dr Julius Babayemi
Omni Park Dental Centre
Tel: 07958 540731
Email omniparkdental@yahoo.com

JOB TITLE:
Faculty Quality Officer (0.5fte)
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£32,796 to £44,074 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Housing Officer
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
£15,743 to £17,152 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Project Administrator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,651 to £19,264 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
School Administrative Manager
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
£26,666 - £31,840 per annum inclusive
COMPANY:
University of Greenwich
TO APPLY:
University of Greenwich
Email Jobs@gre.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
5.00pm on 29 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Senior Administrator - Student Support Services
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
From £18,285 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office - Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
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CLOSING DATE
4th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Testing Administrator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£13,739 to £15,300 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
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Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT

JOB TITLE:
Coastal Technician
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
£20,004 to £24,444 + Benefits
COMPANY:
Shepway District Council
TO APPLY:
Shepway District Council
Tel: (01303) 853481
24 hour answer phone
Email jobs@shepway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
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CATERING, HOSPITALITY

JOB TITLE:
Evening Catering Assistant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£11,744 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College

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Teacher

All Saints CE Primary School
KS1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: 1 year
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs G Hill
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 5JY
Telephone - (01634) 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

Skinner Street Primary School
Year 5 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: Maternity Cover
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 19 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street
Gillingham
Kent ME7 1LG
Telephone - (01634) 850213
Email office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets CEVC Junior School
KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Paul Gabbett
Headteacher
St Margarets CEVC Junior School
Orchard Street
Rainham
Kent ME8 9AE
Telephone - (01634) 230998
Email office@stmargarets.org.uk

Warren Wood Community Primary School and Language Unit
Specialist teacher (mixed year 3/4/5 class)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and fixed term contract
Term of contract: initially one year
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Kerry Trim, Assistant Headteacher
Warren Wood Community Primary School and Language Unit
Arethusa Road
Rochester
Kent ME1 2UR
Telephone - (01634) 337227
Email trimk001@medway.org.uk

Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Temporary
Contract: 25th Feb - 31st August 2008
Required From: 25 February 2008
Closing date: 05 February 2008
To apply/more information
Robin Halls
Headteacher
Long Catlis Road
Parkwood
Gillingham,
Kent ME8 9TX
Telephone - (01634) 231901
Email headteacher@deanwood.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Headteacher

All Saints CE Primary School
Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 11 - 16
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008
To apply/more information
Deborah Good
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham
Kent ME4 5JY
Telephone - (01634) 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 7 – 11 (£40,590 - £44,790)
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 4 February 2008
To apply/more information
Ms J Falk, Headteacher
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School, King Street
Rochester
Kent ME1 1YF
Telephone - (01634) 843843
Email headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

New Brompton College
English Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008 or asap
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
Telephone - (01634) 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

New Brompton College
Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
Telephone - (01634) 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Mathematics Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham School for Girls
Teacher of Food Technology & Child Development
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: April or September 2008
Closing date: 11 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way
Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk

Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Teacher of Design Technology (Textiles)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 15 February 2008
To apply/more information
The School office
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Rainham Road
Chatham
Kent ME5 7EH
Telephone - (01634) 851262
Email chile001@medway.org.uk

Deputy subject Leader

New Brompton College
Deputy subject leader - Science
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 30 January 2008
To apply/more information
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Marlborough Road
Gillingham
Kent ME7 5HT
Telephone - (01634) 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk

Head of subject

The Howard School
Head of Spanish
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr P Morris, Headteacher
The Howard School
Derwent Way
Rainham
Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 388765
Email office@howard.medway.sch.uk

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Danecourt Community School
Class teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 2
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Hotel Road
Gillingham
Kent ME8 6AA
Telephone - (01634) 232589
Email roylk001@medway.gov.uk

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Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008 or 1 September 2008
Closing date: 31 January
To apply/more information
Julie Jones
Teacher Recruitment Team
Medway Council
Civic Centre
Strood
Kent ME2 4AU
Telephone - (01634) 331209
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk

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JOB TITLE:
Trainer Demonstrator - Hospitality and Catering
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
From £18,285 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office - Canterbury College
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CLOSING DATE
4th February 2008

CHILD CARE

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Childminder/Nanny
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
£80 per week
COMPANY:
Victoria Lloyd
TO APPLY:
Victoria Lloyd - Tel: 07739109339
Email vlloyd@salans.com

JOB TITLE:
Qualified Level 3 Nursery Assistant
LOCATION:
Broadstairs
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
ABC Nursery School
TO APPLY:
The Manager, ABC Nursery School
ABC Nursery School
Tel: 01843 603248
Email marie-rose@abcnursery-school.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Secure Training Centre Assistant
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Days: £19,086 pa - Nights: £17,573 pa
COMPANY:
Rebound
TO APPLY:
Rebound
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Social Worker
LOCATION:
Folkestone
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Family Matters Fostering Ltd
TO APPLY:
Family Matters Fostering Ltd
Email morag@fml.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Waking Night Staff
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
From £15,554 per annum plus West Heath Bonus
COMPANY:
New School at West Heath (The)
TO APPLY:
New School at West Heath (The)
Tel: 01732 468 995
Email principal@westheathschool.com

CONSTRUCTION, ARCHITECTURE, SURVEYORS

JOB TITLE:
Admin Assistant
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
Negotiable
COMPANY:
GSE Group
TO APPLY:
Sue Barlow - GSE Group
Tel: 01233 501301
Email sue.barlow@gse-group.com

JOB TITLE:
Carpenter/Joiner
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Dependant on experience
COMPANY:
Serco Local Government
Qualified to NVQ 3 for both internal and external housing repairs.
TO APPLY:
Lynne Beckley
Serco Local Government
Tel: 01227 819419
Email lbeckley@canterbury.serco.com

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Joiner Machinists
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
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TO APPLY:
Peter Currie
Cardy Construction Limited
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SALARY:
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COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Sheffield Insulations
Email nicholamason@sigplc.co.uk

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JOB TITLE:
Qualified CAD Draughtsperson
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Stewart Fraser Ltd
TO APPLY:
Mr G.Phillips - Stewart Fraser Ltd
Email gaphillips@stewartfraser.com

JOB TITLE:
Quantity Surveyor/Estimator
LOCATION:
Thanet
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Downfast Demolition & Salvage
TO APPLY:
Downfast Demolition & Salvage
Email info@dds-demolition.co.uk.

JOB TITLE:
Site Foreman/ Carpenter
LOCATION:
Faversham
SALARY:
Good Rates of Pay
COMPANY:
Burton Group
TO APPLY:
Burton Group - Tel: 01795 520011
Email rhumphries@burton-group.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Surveyor
LOCATION:
Belvedere
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
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CUSTOMER SERVICE, CALL CENTRE

JOB TITLE:
Library Assistant
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Grade D2. Salary £14,492 - £18,430
COMPANY:
Medway Council
TO APPLY:
Megan Silver - Medway Council
Tel: 01634 803251
Email jobs@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

DOMESTIC

JOB TITLE:
Cleaners
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Mitie
TO APPLY:
Lucy Clark - Mitie
Tel: 0117 957 6670
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Night Carer Staff Domestic/Kitchen Staff
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
£5.75 - £7.00 per hour + Bonus Scheme
COMPANY:
Burton Group
TO APPLY:
Debbie - Burton Group
Tel: 01732-822215
Email holywellpark@aol.com

EDUCATION, TEACHER, SCHOOL

JOB TITLE:
Administration Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
All Students in their Final Year of Teacher Training and Experienced Teachers
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Medway Teacher Vacancies
TO APPLY:
Medway Teacher Vacancies
Tel: 01634 331209
Email teaching@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
31 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Apprentice in Administration
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assessor in Engineering
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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Closing Date
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £24,361- £27,897
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Class Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + SEN 2
COMPANY:
Danecourt Community School
TO APPLY:
Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Tel: 01634 232589
Email roylk001@medway.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE
6 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Co-ordinator - Health and Social Care
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
From £26,236 per annum
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office - Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
4th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Cover Supervisor
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
D2 (pt 12 – 21) 32.5 hours/39 Weeks.
COMPANY:
Medway Community College
TO APPLY:
Medway Community College
Tel: 01634 845196
Email walsp001@medway.org.uk

JOB TITLE:
Cover Supervisor
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
Kent Scheme Level 5 (£16,221 - 17,842 pro rata)
COMPANY:
Spires Academy
TO APPLY:
Spires Academy
Email m.wigington@spiresacademy.com
CLOSING DATE
4th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Department Administrator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
Leadership scale 7 – 11 (£40,590 - £44,790)
COMPANY:
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Ms J Falk, Headteacher
St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 843843
Email headteacher@st-margaretsattroytown.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
4 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Headteacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Leadership scale 11 - 16
COMPANY:
All Saints CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Deborah Good
All Saints CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Deputy Subject Leader - Science
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR 2b
COMPANY:
New Brompton College
TO APPLY:
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Tel: 01634 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
English Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
New Brompton College
TO APPLY:
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Tel: 01634 583509
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CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Entry to Employment Facilitator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Examinations Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
HE Lecturer in Tourism
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Head of Spanish
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
COMPANY:
Howard School (The)
TO APPLY:
Mr P Morris, Headteacher
Howard School (The)
Tel: 01634 388765
Email office@howard.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Instructor Demonstrator
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£22,332 to £24,403 per annum (pro-rata if part time)
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS1 Teacher
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
All Saints CE Primary School
TO APPLY:
Mrs G Hill
All Saints CE Primary School
Tel: 01634 338922
Email headteacher@allsaints.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2 Teacher
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
St Margaret's CE School
TO APPLY:
Paul Gabbett - Headteacher
St Margaret's CE School
Tel: 01634 230998
Email office@stmargarets.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
8 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
KS2, Year 3 Vacancy
LOCATION:
Sheerness
SALARY:
Commensurate with experience
COMPANY:
Minster-In-Sheppey CP School
TO APPLY:
Minster-In-Sheppey CP School
Tel: 01795 872138
Email office@minster-sheppey.kent.sch.uk

JOB TITLE:
Learner Finance Administrator
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Learning Support - Early Years
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
From £16,284 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office - Canterbury College
Tel: 01227 811282
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CLOSING DATE
4th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer - Basic Skills
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
£17,729 - £25,420 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office - Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Lecturer - Hospitality and Catering
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£17,729 - £25,420 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
Personnel Office - Canterbury College
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JOB TITLE:
Lecturer - Supported Learning
LOCATION:
Isle of Sheppey
SALARY:
£17,729 - £25,420 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury College
TO APPLY:
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4th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills and ESOL
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Electrical Installation
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Electrical Installation Ref: 226 with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Performing Arts
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B £24,361 - £27,897
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer in Psychology
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Lecturer, Animal Management
LOCATION:
Tonbridge
SALARY:
£21,762 to £29,337 per annum
COMPANY:
Hadlow College
TO APPLY:
Hadlow College - Tel: 01732 850551
Email jobs@hadlow.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
11th February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Library Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Mathematics Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham Mark Grammar
TO APPLY:
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar
Tel: 01634 364151
Email office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
7 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Payroll Assistant
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term and Permanent)
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade E £19,161 - £24,700
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College
Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Personnel Advisor
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Personnel Officer
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
PPA Teacher
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Chantry Primary School
TO APPLY:
Hazel King - Chantry Primary School
Tel: 01474 350011
Email office@chantry.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
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JOB TITLE:
Primary Maths Specialist (0.6 fte)

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LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
c. £28,500 p.a. (pro- rata)
COMPANY:
Gravesham Excellence Cluster
TO APPLY:
Mary Muro
Gravesham Excellence Cluster
Tel: 01474 365818
Email murom@graveshamec.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Receptionist/ Administrator
LOCATION:
Kent
SALARY:
N/A
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Science Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
New Brompton College
TO APPLY:
Sue Moss, HR Manager
New Brompton College
Tel: 01634 583509
Email suemoss@nbc.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Science Teacher
LOCATION:
Gillingham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham Mark Grammar
TO APPLY:
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar
Tel: 01634 364151
Email
office@rainhammark.medway.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
7 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Senior Lecturer in Speech and Language Therapy (0.5fte)
LOCATION:
Medway
SALARY:
£32,796 to £40,335 per annum pro rata
COMPANY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
TO APPLY:
Canterbury Christ Church University
Tel: 01227 782475 (answerphone)
Email hr@canterbury.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
1 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Specialist teacher (Mixed Year 3/4/5 Class)
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Warren Wood Primary School
TO APPLY:
Kerry Trim, Assistant Headteacher
Warren Wood Primary School
Tel: 01634 337227
Email trimk001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
30 January 2008

JOB TITLE:
Subject Lead Learner - English (We employ two Subject Lead Learners in our core subjects)
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
TLR 2B
COMPANY:
Aylesford School - Sports College
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:- A brand new school. Outstanding new facilities in all areas. NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none. A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. Your own laptop. A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:- Is able to start in September. Can motivate pupils through the curriculum. Has the desire to make the difference. Is focussed on developing their career further. Is able to teach English at key stage 3 and 4. If you are keen to join our team at this exciting time in the development of our school please contact Miss Jill McKenna, on 01622-717341 ext 204. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Subject Lead Learner - ICT
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
TLR 2B
COMPANY:
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Tel: 01622 717341
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jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Subject Lead Learner - Mathematics (We employ two subject Lead Learners in our core subjects)
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
TLR 2B
COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Jill.Mckenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher Assistants
LOCATION:
Sevenoaks
SALARY:
From £11,902 per annum plus West Heath Bonus
COMPANY:
New School at West Heath (The)
TO APPLY:
New School at West Heath (The)
Tel: 01732 468 995
Email principal@westheathschool.com

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Design Technology (Textiles)
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
TO APPLY:
The School Office
Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Tel: 01634 851262
Email chile001@medway.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of English
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Food Technology and Child Development
LOCATION:
Rainham
SALARY:
MPS/UPS
COMPANY:
Rainham School for Girls
TO APPLY:
Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Tel: 01634 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk
CLOSING DATE
11 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of ICT
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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TO APPLY:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Tel: 01622 717341
Email
jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk
CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Mathematics
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Science
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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JOB TITLE:
Teacher of Technology
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
Main Scale
COMPANY:
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CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Teaching Assistant
LOCATION:
Aylesford
SALARY:
£12,985 to £14,720 pro rata
COMPANY:
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CLOSING DATE
01/02/2008

JOB TITLE:
Technician in Beauty
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
Mid Kent College - Tel: 01634 845402
Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk
CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

JOB TITLE:
Travel Shop Advisor
LOCATION:
Chatham
SALARY:
Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata
COMPANY:
Mid Kent College
TO APPLY:
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CLOSING DATE
15 February 2008

GRADUATE, TRAINEES

JOB TITLE:
International Management Trainee / Sales Consultant
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
£28,000 OTE, Uncapped
COMPANY:
Meltwater News
TO APPLY:
Meltwater News
Email
Job.canterbury@meltwaternews.com
CLOSING DATE
30/01/2008

HEALTH & SAFETY, SECURITY, DEFENSE

JOB TITLE:
Health, Safety and Environmental Technician
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
£12,000 to 15,000 p.a. depending on experience
COMPANY:
AEM Ltd
TO APPLY:
AEM Ltd
Email jbarnard@aem.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
15th February 2008

INDUSTRIAL, WAREHOUSE, FACTORY

JOB TITLE:
Warehouse and Machine Preperation
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Systems Technology Ltd
TO APPLY:
Systems Technology Ltd
Tel: 01634 291124
Email regan@systemstechnology.co.uk

LEGAL

JOB TITLE:
Selecting New Magistrates
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
HM Courts Service
TO APPLY:
HM Courts Service
Tel: 01634-869187
Email julie.weller@kent.gov.uk

MANAGEMENT, SENIOR POSITIONS

JOB TITLE:
Minibus Driver
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Age Concern
TO APPLY:
Age Concern
Tel: 01474 564898 or 01474 567131
Email
support@gravesendageconcern.co.uk

NURSING, MEDICINE, CARE WORK

JOB TITLE:
Care Assistants Registered Nurse and Chef
LOCATION:
Canterbury
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Sheelagh Sandford
TO APPLY:
High View Oast Nursing Home
Tel: 01304 813333
Email highviewoast@
new-meronden.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Dispensing Technician
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
£15 - £17.5k pro rata
COMPANY:
Riverside Medical Practice
TO APPLY:
S Challinger
Riverside Medical Practice
Tel: 01624 243722
Email sue.challinger@nhs.net

JOB TITLE:
Experienced Registered Nurse
LOCATION:
Gravesend
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Ashley Down Nursing Home
Good communication skills required for a 19 bedded nursing home in Gravesend.
TO APPLY:
Diane Willard
Ashley Down Nursing Home
Tel: 01474 363638/07841 159444
Email ashley.down1@btinternet.com

JOB TITLE:
Full/Part Time Support Workers
LOCATION:
Maidstone
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Kent Care at Home
TO APPLY:
Kent Care at Home - Tel: 01622 670065
Email applications@kosmedia.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Health Care Assistant
LOCATION:
Romney Marsh
SALARY:
Salary according to experience
COMPANY:
Church Lane Surgery
TO APPLY:
Mrs A Allaway - Church Lane Surgery
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

JOB TITLE:
Looking for a Part Time, Flexible Job?
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBA
COMPANY:
Crossroads South East Kent
TO APPLY:
Jennie or Jackie
Crossroads South East Kent
Tel: 01223 663198
Email crossroads@
southeastkent.freeserve.co.uk

OTHER

JOB TITLE:
Market Research
LOCATION:
Ashford
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
TO APPLY:
Ieda - Facts International Limited
Tel: 01233 648501
Email ieda@facts.uk.com

PUBLIC SECTOR, SOCIAL SERVICES

JOB TITLE:
Field Sales Executive (South)
LOCATION:
Rochester
SALARY:
TBC
COMPANY:
Systems Technology Ltd
TO APPLY:
Systems Technology Ltd
Tel: 01634 291124
Email amanda@systemstechnology.co.uk

TRANSPORT, LOGISTICS, AVIATION

JOB TITLE:
Hydraulic Fitter / Tester
LOCATION:
Ramsgate
SALARY:
Around £17,900-19,700 p.a. depending on experience
COMPANY:
AEM Ltd
TO APPLY:
AEM Ltd
Email jbarnard@aem.co.uk
CLOSING DATE
15th February 2008

PUBLIC NOTICES

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Conningbrook Hotel, Canterbury Road, Kennington, Ashford
Applicant: Mr George Purnell

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

Martin Alford
Head of Registration, Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: The Shurland, 81 High Street, Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppey
Applicant: Mr Martyn Prenczek

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004

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An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-

Name of Premises: Brands Hatch Circuit, Fawkham, Longfield
Applicant: Miss Kirstin Brimsted

The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below between the hours of 9am and 5pm. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the grant of an approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.

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Highways - Borough of Ashford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(AU38, ASHFORD)
(CYCLE TRACK) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to make an Order, the effect of which will be to designate as a cycle track with shared and segregated pedestrian facilities the following parts of footpath;

a) From the junction with the public footpath at Brookfield Road in a north easterly direction terminating at the boundary with the public footpath at Noakes Meadow.

A copy of the proposed Order together with explanatory statements, maps showing the extent of the restrictions and lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office / opening hours at the offices of the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Any persons wishing to support the new proposal, or to object to it, should write to Carl Read, Kent Highway Services, Mid Kent Division, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 18th February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHFORD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION)
(AMENDMENT No. 14) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to further amend The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1997 as follows: -

ONE WAY STREETS

(1) In PART D of the Order the following shall be deleted from the Table to Article 12:

1	2	3
Item	**Road or length of road**	**Direction to proceed**
2	APSLEY STREET	South-westwards towards Godinton Road (Ringway)
41	REGENTS PLACE, from its junction with West Street (Ringway) to its junction with Apsley Street	Eastwards towards Apsley Street

(2) In PART D of the Order the following shall be added to the Table to Article 12:

1	2	3
Item	**Road or length of road**	**Direction to proceed**
59	APSLEY STREET, that length that extends from a point 3m north-east of the south-western building line of 3 Apsley Street to the junction with Regents Place.	North-eastwards towards Regents Place
60	REGENTS PLACE, from its junction with Apsley Street to its junction with West Street (Ringway).	westwards towards West Street (Ringway)

PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN

(3) In PART F of the Order the following shall be added to the Table to Article 19 of Amendment No.1:

1	2	3
Item	**Road or length of road**	**Direction to proceed**
3	The entrance on Apsley Street to the NCP County Square Car Park	Apsley Street

A copy of the proposed Order together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Kent Highway Services, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU or at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.

Anyone wishing to support this proposal or to object to it, should write to Mr C Jones, Jacobs (UK), Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone ME15 6GB quoting "The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) (Amendment No. 14) Order 2008" stating their reasons, by not later than 18th February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHFORD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION)
(AMENDMENT No. 15) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to further amend The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1997 as follows: -

PROHIBITION OF LEFT TURN

In PART F of the Order, paragraph 18 shall be deleted and replaced with the following:

(1) In this Article

"first named road" means the road or length of road specified in an item column 2 of the Table;

"second named road" means the road or length of road specified in an item column 3 of the Table.

(2) No person shall, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform or a Traffic Warden, cause any vehicle which is travelling in the First Named Road, on reaching the junction with the Second Named Road, to make a left-hand turn into the Second Named Road.

TABLE
(Article 18)

1	2	3
Item	**Road or length of road**	**Direction to proceed**
1	SOMERSET ROAD	WELLESLEY ROAD
2	HIGH STREET (ASHFORD)	WELLESLEY ROAD

A copy of the proposed Order together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Kent Highway Services, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU or at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.

Anyone wishing to support this proposal or to object to it, should write to Mr C Jones, Jacobs (UK), Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone ME15 6GB quoting "The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) (Amendment No. 15) Order 2008" stating their reasons, by not later than 18th February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ASHFORD) (TRAFFIC REGULATION)
(AMENDMENT No. 16) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to further amend The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) Order 1997 as follows: -

COMPULSORY LEFT TURN

In PART F of the Order, the following paragraph shall be added:

Every person causing any vehicle to proceed in Wellesley Road shall cause that vehicle, on reaching the junction with Mace Lane, to make a left-hand turn into Mace Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Kent Highway Services, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St Michaels Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU or at the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL.

Anyone wishing to support this proposal or to object to it, should write to Mr C Jones, Jacobs (UK), Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone ME15 6GB quoting "The Kent County Council (Ashford) (Traffic Regulation) (Amendment No. 16) Order 2008" stating their reasons, by not later than 18th February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS ASHFORD)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
(AMENDMENT No. 7) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to make an Order, the effect of which would be to:-

* Install a Loading Bay in Godinton Road (Ringway) on the south side, west of Godinton House, outside Enterprise Rent-a-Car.

A copy of the proposed Order together with explanatory statements, maps showing the extent of the restrictions and lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office/opening hours at the offices of the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Anyone wishing to support or object to this proposal may do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and Reference No. "Bo295100" to Charles Jones at Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB stating their reasons by no later than 18th February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS ASHFORD)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
(AMENDMENT No. 8) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1, 2, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, proposes to make an Order, the effect of which would be to:-

• Install a Prohibition on Loading and Unloading, except in designated areas, in the following streets in Ashford:

Item	Name of Road	Specified Length	Specified Times
1	BANK STREET	The entire length of Bank Street on both sides south of the north-western building line of Tufton Street.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
2	ELWICK ROAD (Ringway)	The entire length of Elwick Road on both sides south of the western building line of Church Road.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
3	ELWICK ROAD (Between Bank Street and Elwick Road (Ringway)	The entire length of Elwick Road on both sides	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
4	GODINTON ROAD (Ringway)	The entire length of Godinton Road (Ringway) on both sides.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
5	GODINTON ROAD	From its junction with Bank Street north-westwards for a distance of 40 metres.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
6	MIDDLE STREET	The entire length of Middle Street on both sides.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
7	WEST STREET	The entire length of West Street on both sides.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs
8	FORGE LANE Ringway	The entire length of Forge Lane on both sides.	Monday to Saturday incl. from 0700hrs to 1900hrs

A copy of the proposed Order together with explanatory statements, maps showing the extent of the restrictions, lengths of roads concerned and the location of excepted designated areas may be inspected during normal office / opening hours at the offices of the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Anyone wishing to support or object to this proposal may do so in writing quoting the name of the Order and Reference No. "Bo295100" to Charles Jones at Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6GB stating their reasons by no later than 18th February 2008.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD)
(SPEED LIMITS)
(AMENDMENT No 5) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that The Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers proposes to make an Order, the effect of which would be to impose maximum speed limits on the roads or part of the roads listed in the Schedules hereto.

A copy of the proposed Order together with explanatory statements, maps showing the extent of the restrictions and lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office/opening hours at the offices of the Customer Contact Centre, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane Ashford, Kent, TN23 1PL, or at the offices of Kent County Council, Transportation Team, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU.

Any persons wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it, should write to Tara O'Shea, Kent Highway Services, Mid Kent Division, Doubleday House, St. Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BU quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 18th February 2008.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(Restricted Roads)

Parish	Road or part of road affected
Appledore	B2080 Station Road (Rhee Wall)
Appledore	C163 Beckett Road
Appledore	C267 Military Road
Appledore	U11314 Court Lodge Road
Appledore	B2080 The Street
Appledore	U12330 Oldway
Smeeth	Plain Road

SECOND SCHEDULE
(40 mph Speed Limit)

Parish	Road or part of road affected
Appledore	B2080 The Street
Appledore	B2080 Tenterden Road
Appledore	U12148 Hawthorn
Appledore	C162 Heath Road
Appledore	P17822 Hop Garden
Appledore	U12149 Heathside
Appledore	C161 Kenardington Road
Appledore	C161 School Road
Appledore	C162 Woodchurch Road
Appledore	C162 Hoath Road
Boughton Aluph	Wye Road
Wye	Harville Road

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(NEW BARN HILL, HASTINGLEIGH)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on New Barn Hill from Pilgrims Way to New Barn Farm on or after Monday 11 February 2008 for an estimated period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for northbound traffic on New Barn Hill is via Pilgrims Way, Kingsmill Down, Glory Lane, Evington Park, The Street, New Barn Hill with southbound being vice versa.

Mid Kent Water apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are to lay new water mains. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Nicola Stone on 01634 873290.

Highways - District of Canterbury

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(KING EDWARD AVENUE, HERNE BAY)
(PROHIBITION OF WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because construction works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting Waiting at any time on King Edward Avenue, Herne Bay from the boundary line between numbers 7 and 9 King Edward Avenue for a distance of 40 metres in a westerly direction, and from the boundary line between numbers 10 and 12 King Edward Avenue for a distance of 40 metres in a westerley direction, on or after 11 February 2008 for an estimated period of 18 Months or until such works are complete.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CASTLE ROAD WHITSTABLE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because footway reconstruction works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Castle Road Whitstable from the junction with Northwood Road to the junction with Athol Road on or after 11 February 2008 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Northwood Road, Tower Parade, Harbour Street, Cromwell Road, Railway Avenue, and Teynham Road.

Local traffic via Northwood Road, St Annes Road and Queens Avenue.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SOUTH STREET, WHITSTABLE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because of new electricity supply works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on South Street, Whitstable from the junction with Rayham Road to the junction with Virginia Road on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of three days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via South Street, Millstrood Road, A2990 Thanet Way, Clover Rise, Grasmere Road and Virginia Road. .

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, CANTERBURY)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given because BT cabling and desilting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Canterbury as described in column 1 of Schedule to this order on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of two weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for each road described in column 1 of the Schedule to this order is described in column 3 of that Schedule.

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Wick Lane, Womenswold.	From its junction with the A2 Dover Road to its junction with Firs Road.	Eastbound via A2 Dover Road, West Court Road, West Court Lane and Woolage Green Road. Westbound via Forstal Road, Nethersole Road, Snowdon Road, Adisham Road, Box Iron Road and A2 Dover Road.	28 January 2008 for up to 5 days between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm only.
Phase 2			
Firs Road, Womenswold.	From its junction with Wick Lane to its junction with Forstal Road.	Wick Lane and Woolage Green Road.	4 February 2008 for up to 5 days between 9.30am and 4.30pm only.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(CHURCH LANE AND A2990 THANET WAY, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because sewer installation and associated works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Church Lane and A2990 Thanet Way, Seasalter, Whitstable as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period as described in column 4 of the Schedule to this Order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Church Lane, Seasalter.	From its junction with the A2990 Thanet Way to outside the entrance to Homing Caravan Park.	A2990 Thanet Way, Borstal Hill, Joy Lane and Faversham Road.	28 January 2008 for up to 8 weeks.
Phase 2			
A2990 Thanet Way, Seasalter.	From its junction with Speedwell Road to its junction with Church Lane in a South	A2990 Thanet Way, Borstal Hill, Joy Lane, Faversham Road and Church	25 February 2008 for up to 3 weeks between 9.30am and 4.30pm only.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(A2990 THANET WAY, SEASALTER, WHITSTABLE)
(RESTRICTION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because sewer installation and associated works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order restricting traffic from travelling at a speed exceeding 40mph on A2990 Thanet Way, Seasalter, Whitstable, in a northeasterly direction from the junction with the A299 Thanet Way to the beginning of the existing permanent 40mph limit, on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of three months or until such works are complete.

Highways - Borough of Dartford

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD)
(PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING) ORDER 2008
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council, in exercise of its powers under Sections 1 to 4 and Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, has made the above Order:-

Revocations and Modifications

The sections of Orders specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice have been revoked.

Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Loading

Waiting has been prohibited at any time on all days on the lengths of road specified in Schedule 2 to this notice.

The decision has been made not to proceed with restrictions at the following locations:

Dartford Road, near number 76
Chastilian Road, junction with Denver Road
Winifred Road, junction with Swaisland Road
Swaisland Road, near number 115
Dudsbury Road, junction with Wilmot Road
Admirals Walk
Wallis Close junction with Tredegar Road

A copy of the Order which was made on 23rd January 2008 comes into operation on the 28th January 2008 may be inspected during normal office hours at the West Kent Divisional Offices, Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0AT or Dartford Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent DA1 1DR

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this notice, challenge the validity of the Order or any provision contained in it on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or of any instrument made there under, or that there has been a failure to comply with the statutory requirement in relation to the Order.

SCHEDULE 1
Orders to be Revoked

1. The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Dartford) (Prohibition & Restriction of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2001 dated 20 June 2001 in so far as it relates to Powder Mill Lane.

SCHEDULE 2
No Waiting At Any Time – All Days

PARISH/TOWN - Dartford	
Summerhouse Drive	the north-west side, from a point 2.50 metres south-west of the party wall of Nos. 62 and 64 Summerhouse Drive to a point level with the most south-western property wall of No. 58 Summerhouse Drive.
Swan Lane	both sides, from a point 130.00 metres south-east of the southern kerb line of Bowman's Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 30.00 metres.
PARISH/TOWN – Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley	
Keith Avenue	both sides, from its junction with Parsonage Lane to a point level with the northern property wall of No. 24 Keith Avenue.
Parsonage Lane	both sides, from a point level with the common boundary of Nos. 23 and 24 Parsonage Lane to a point level with the common boundary of Nos. 25 and 26 Parsonage Lane.
Parish/Town – Wilmington	
Barn End Lane	the east side, from a point level with the party wall of Nos 1 and 2 New Barn Cottages, Barn End Lane to a point level with the common boundary of Barn End House and The Cobbles, Barn End Lane.
Broad Lane	the south-east side, from a point level with the north-eastern property wall of No. 12a Broad Lane to a point level with the north-eastern property boundary of No. 4 Broad Lane.
Capel Place	both sides, from a point level with a point 10.00 metres west of the common boundary of Nos. 2 and 3 Capel Place to its junction with Barn End Lane.
Garden Place	Both sides, form its junction with High Road, south-eastwards for a distance of 15.00 metres.
High Road	the south-east side, from a point 15.00 metres south-west of the south-western kerb line of Garden Place to a point 30.00 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerb line of Garden Place.
	the north-west side, from a point 15.00 metres south-west of the south-western kerb line of Garden Place to a point 20.00 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerb line of Garden Place.
Leyton Cross Road	both sides, from a point level with the property boundary of Nos. 20 and 21 Leyton Cross Road to a point 5.00 metres north-east of a point level with the north-eastern property wall of No. 17 Leyton Cross Road.
Powder Mill Lane	the north side, from a point 6.00 metres west of the most western property wall of Nos. 77 to 78 Powder Mill Lane, eastwards for a distance of 32.00 metres.
	the south side, from a point 6.00 metres west of the most western property wall of Nos. 77 to 78 Powder Mill Lane, eastwards for a distance of 26.00 metres.
Tredegar Road	both sides, from its junction with Leyton Cross Road to a point level with the north-western property boundary of No. 19 Leyton Cross Road.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
B260 TROLLING DOWN HILL, DARTFORD
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Trolling Down Hill, Dartford between its junctions with A225/A296 Princes Road and Gore Road/Green Street Green Road. Access will be maintained to Churchill Close as much as possible.

The Order will become effective on 28th January 2008, for a period of 2 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A296 Princes Road and Gore Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the demolition of an overhead pedestrian bridge.

Highways – Boroughs of Dartford and Gravesham

The Kent County Council
(Ebbsfleet)
(Speed Limits) Order 2008
Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Section 84 of the Road Traffic and Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to implement 40 and 50 miles per hour speed limits on the lengths of road described in the Schedules hereto. The Order was made on 23rd January 2008.

A copy of the Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the length of road concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at Joynes House, New Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0AT, or Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1AU, or Dartford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, Kent, DA1 1DR.

Schedule 1
(40 mph Speed Limit)

Road	Length
The link road between Thames Way and Southfleet Road roundabout.	From the Junction with Thames Way, South West bound for 350m.

Schedule 2
(50mph Speed Limit)

Road	Length
The Link Road between Thames Way and Southfleet Road Roundabout.	From the exit to the Southfleet Road Roundabout, North East bound to a point 350m South West of the Thames Way junction.

Highways - District of Dover

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(FOOTPATH BETWEEN PRIORY HILL AND PRIORY GATE ROAD, DOVER)
(FOOTPATH CLOSURE)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that to enable site clearance works, lighting improvements and associated works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting pedestrians using the footpath between Priory Hill and Priory Gate Road, Dover on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of fifteen weeks or until such works are complete.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HIGH STREET AND CHAPEL LANE, ST MARGARETS)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because gas main replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on High Street and Chapel Lane, St Margarets as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
High Street, St Margarets	From the junction with Well Lane to the junction with Reach Road	Dover Road, A258 Dover Road, Upper Road and Reach Road	28 January 2008 for six weeks
Chapel Lane, St Margarets	From the junction with Knotts Lane to the junction with Sea Street	High Street and Chapel Lane	28 January 2008 for six weeks

Highways - Borough of Gravesend

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A226 MILTON ROAD, GRAVESEND
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by Town Centre bound vehicular traffic on A226 Milton road, Gravesend between Ordnance Way and Ellerslie.

The Order will become effective on 28th January 2008, for a period of 5 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Old Road East, Windmill Street, Stone Street, Clive Road, Barrack Row, Darnley Road, Bath Street, West Street, Crooked Lane, The Terrace, Harmer Street, Milton Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate footway re-conditioning works by Kent Highway Services.

Highways - Borough of Gravesend

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
TANYARD HILL, SHORNE
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Tanyard Hill, Shorne from its junction with Woodlands Lane for a distance of 500 metres.

The Order will become effective on 28th January 2008, for a period of 5 days, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Forge Lane, A226 Gravesend Road, Peartree Lane, Tanyard Hill.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the re-construction of a carriageway box for BT.

Highways - Borough of Maidstone

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(SMARDEN ROAD, HEADCORN)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Smarden Road, Headcorn from the junction of Biddenden Road to the junction of Love Lane on or after Saturday 16th February 2008 and Sunday 17th February 2008 between the hours of 2200hrs to 0600hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the route described above is for westbound traffic via Headcorn Road, Bell Lane, Shenley Road, Biddenden Road and for eastbound traffic vice versa.

Southern Cranes & Access Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary to deliver equipment to Network Rail. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is Clive Sadler on 07808 572000.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND WAITING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by traffic on the routes described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto.

The alternative route for each route described in Column 1 of Schedule 1 hereto is described in Column 2 of that Schedule.

The Order will come into operation on Monday 11th. February 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Monday 11th. February 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of two weeks.

SCHEDULE 1

The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
U846 Straw Mill Hill, Tovil from Cave Hill to the Fire Brigade HQ entrance. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via Stockett Lane, B2163 Heath Road, B2010 Dean Street/ Farleigh Hill. Southbound traffic vice versa.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when the works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

Order will only be effective when appropriate signs are displayed.

Highways - District of Sevenoaks

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A20 LONDON ROAD, WEST KINGSDOWN (CYCLEWAY)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A20 London Road, West Kingsdown (Cycleway) from outside High Elms to the junction with Kingsingfield Road.

The Order will become effective on 11th February 2008, for a period of 16 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place. These works will affect the cycleway only, the carriageway will remain open.

There is no alternative route for the route described above.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Water Main works to be carried out be South East Water.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
A224 LONDON ROAD, SEVENOAKS
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on A224 London Road, Sevenoaks between Rockdale Road and South Park.

The Order will become effective on 28th January 2008, for a period of 9 weeks, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: A225 High Street, Pembroke Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate footway re-conditioning works by Kent Highway Services.

Highways - District of Shepway

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(BEECH VILLA LANE AND BEECH LANE, ELHAM)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because telephone pole and cable works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Beech Villa Lane and Beech Lane, Elham as described in column 2 of the Schedule to this Order on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period as described in column 4 of the Schedule to this Order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described in column 3 of the Schedule to this Order.

THE SCHEDULE

Specified Road	length of road affected	alternative routes	Programmed date
Phase 1			
Beech Villa Lane, Bladbean, Elham.	From its junction with Beech Lane to its junction with Red Oak.	Beech Lane, Stud Farm Lane and Fir Tree Hill.	28 January 2008 for up to 5 days between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm only.
Phase 2			
Beech Lane, Bladbean, Elham.	From its junction with Beech Villa Lane to its junction with Charcoal Lane.	Stud Farm Lane, Fir Tree Hill and Beech Villa Lane.	11 February 2008 for up to 5 days between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm only.

Highways - District of Thanet

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(THANET ROAD BROADSTAIRS)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because water pipe and meter works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Thanet Road Broadstairs from the junction Prospect Road to the junction with Albion Street on or after 11 February 2008 for an estimated period of 2 days or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via High Street, Belmont Road, Wardour Close, Prospect Road, Thanet Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ABBOTS HILL, RAMSGATE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because BT ducting works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Abbots Hill, Ramsgate from the junction with Cottage Road to the junction with Camden Road on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of one week or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Hibernia Street and Cottage Road.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(HERESON ROAD, RAMSGATE)
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that because gas main replacement works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hereson Road, Ramsgate from the junction with St Lukes Avenue to the junction with Boundary Road on or after 28 January 2008 for an estimated period of six weeks or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Montefiore Avenue, Dumpton Park Drive, Bellevue Road and Victoria Road.

Highways - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
SWANTON ROAD, WEST PECKHAM
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2008
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

NOTICE is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Swanton Road, West Peckham from its junction with Seven Mile Lane for a distance of approximately 250 metres.

The Order will become effective on 11th February 2008, for a period of 5 days between 09:30 and 15:30, or, until completion of the planned works. These closures will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Seven Mile Lane, Mereworth Road, Stan Lane and Swanton Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate Tree Cutting and Aerial Cable Repair works to be carried out on behalf of BT.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, TONBRIDGE and MALLING)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND ON-STREET PARKING)
(AMENDMENT No. 1) ORDER 2008

NOTICE is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL has made the above Order on the 22nd January 2008, under Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 32, 35 and Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter referred to as the Act of 1984), as amended, and of all other enabling powers, the effect of which will be to prohibit waiting and authorise limited parking in the lengths of roads described in the First and Second Schedules below.

The order will contain the usual exemptions to enable a vehicle to wait with police permission or for passengers to board or alight, for the loading and unloading of goods, for enabling work to be carried out in or adjacent to the road, for disabled persons and for emergency vehicles.

A copy of the Order together with maps, a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order, and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal working hours at the offices of Tonbridge and Malling Council Offices, Kings Hill, West Malling or Tonbridge Castle, and at the offices of Kent County Council, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent.

Anyone wishing to question the validity of the Order or of any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Act of 1984 as amended, or that any requirement of the Act of 1984 or any instrument made there under has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date of the Order, make application for that purpose to the High Court. The Order will come into effect on Monday 28th January, 2008.

For further information, please contact Geoff Harrison-Mee, Director for Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

Kent Highway Services

The relevant Schedules of "The Kent County Council (Various Roads, Tonbridge and Malling) (Waiting Restrictions and On-Street Parking Places) Order, 2007" (abbreviated in First and Second Schedules throughout to: CO) shall be amended as follows

FIRST SCHEDULE
Prohibition and restriction of waiting

DELETE from First Schedule of CO

1. London Road (B245), Tonbridge - Prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

North side:

- (b) from junction with Dry Hill Road for a distance of 10 metres in a westerly direction.

South side:

from a point opposite the western boundary of 33 London Road for a distance of 27 metres in an easterly direction.

ADD to First Schedule of CO

1a. London Road (B245), Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

North side:

– (b) from junction with Dry Hill Road, westwards to a point 40 metres west of Dry Hill Park Road.

South side:

from a point in line with the boundary of 29/31 London Road, westwards to a point 40 metres west of Dry Hill Park Road (on opposite side of road).

DELETE from Second Schedule of CO:

2. Higham Lane, Tonbridge - waiting restricted Monday to Saturday, 7.00am to 7.00pm

West side:

between points 32 metres south and 36 metres north of the junction with Martin Hardie Way.

ADD to First Schedule of CO

2a. Higham Lane, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

West side:

between points 58 metres south and 57 metres north of the junction with Martin Hardie Way.

ADD to First Schedule of CO

3. Higham Lane junction with Hartfield Close, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

North and south sides of Harfield Close:

from its junction with Higham Lane, eastwards for a distance of 10 metres.

East side of Higham Lane:
between points 13 metres north and 20 metres south of its junction with Hartfield Close.

DELETE from First Schedule of CO

4. Morley Road, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

DELETE ALL ENTRIES RELATING TO MORLEY ROAD.

ADD to First Schedule of CO -

4a. Morley Road (Western Arm), Tonbridge - prohibition of waiting 'at any time'.

West side:

from the junction with Sovereign Way, northwards to a point 3 metres east of north-eastern boundary of 42 Morley Road, including all the bell mouths and entrances.

East side:
from the junction with Sovereign Way, northwards for a distance of 40 metres, inlcuding all the bell mouths and entrances.

South side:

from a point 5 metres west of the north-eastern boundary line of 42 Morley Road (on opposite side of road), south-eastwards to a point 109 metres south of the front building line of 1 – 4 Morley Business Centre (on opposite side of road).

4b. Morley Road (Eastern Arm), Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'.

North side:

from a point 25 metres east of the north-eastern boundary of 42 Morley Road eastwards to a point 4 metres north of the front building line of 1-4 Morley Business Centre, including all the bell mouths and entrances.

East side:

(a) from a point 24.5 metres south of the front building line of 1 – 4 Morley Business Centre, southwards for a distance of 9 metres.

(b) from a point 56 metres south of the front building line of 1 – 4 Morley Business Centre southwards for a distance of 18 metres including all bell mouths and entrances.

(c) from a point 84 metres south of the front building line of 1 – 4 Morley Business Centre southwards to the junction with Vale Road, including all bell mouths and entrances.

West side:

from the junction with Vale Road for a distance of 10 metres in a northerly direction.

ADD to First Schedule of CO

5. Welland Road junction with Long Mead Way, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

North side of Welland Road:

from a point 20 metres east of its junction with Long Mead Way, westwards for a distance of 35 metres.

East and west side of Long Mead Way:

from its junction with Welland Road, northwards for a distance of 10 metres.

ADD to First Schedule of CO

6. Trench Road junctions with Greenfrith Drive and Northwood Road, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

North side of Trench Road:

from a point 15 metres west of its junction with Greenfrith Drive, eastwards for a distance of 40 metres.

West side of Greenfrith Drive:

from its junction with Trench Road, northwards for a distance of 10 metres.

East side of Greenfrith Drive:

from its junction with Trench Road, northwards for a distance of 15 metres.

South side of Trench Road:

from a point 20 metres west of its junction with Northward Road (western end), eastwards for a distance of 37 metres (joining up with bus stop clearway marking).

West and east sides of Northwood Road (western end):

from its junction with Trench Road, southwards for a distance of 10 metres

ADD to First Schedule of CO

7. Waveney Road, opposite junction with Mersey Road, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

West side:

from a point 105.7m north of its junction with Stour Close (end of school keep clear markings), northwards for a distance of 18 metres (to join up with bus stop clearway markings).

ADD to First Schedule of CO

8. Dernier Road (south to north) junction with Dernier Road (east to west), Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

West side of Dernier Road (south to north)

from a point 10 metres north of its junction with Dernier Road (east to west), southwards for a distance of 10 metres.

North and south sides of Dernier Road (east to west):

from its junction with Dernier road (south to north) in a westerly direction for 10 metres.

ADD to First Schedule of CO.

9. Shipbourne Road (A227) junction with Service Road, north of 151 Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge – prohibition of waiting 'at any time'

East side of Shipbourne Road:

from a point 12 metres south of Service Road, northwards for a distance of 36 metres.

North side of Service Road:

from its junction with Shipbourne Road, eastwards for a distance of 14 metres.

South side of Service Road:

from its junction with Shipbourne Road, eastwards for a distance of 8.5 metres.

SECOND SCHEDULE
Authorised Limited Parking (No Permits)

STREET OR LENGTH OF STREET WHERE PARKING IS LIMITED TO THE PARKING SPECIFIED IN COLUMN 4 OF THE SCHEDULE (WITH NO RETURN BEFORE THE TIME SPECIFIED IN COLUMN 5 HAS ELAPSED SINCE THE LAST PERIOD OF PERMITTED PARKING) ON THE DAYS AND BETWEEN THE TIMES INDICATED IN THE COLUMN 3.

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
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The Order will come into operation on Monday 11th. February 2008 and will be valid for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed, whichever is sooner. The works are scheduled to commence on or after Monday 11th. February 2008 and are programmed for completion within an estimated period of four weeks.

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The affected routes (Column 1)	The alternative routes (Column 2)
U804 Walkhurst Road, Benenden from Goddards Green Road to The Street. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via B2086 The Street, A257 New Pond Road and C105 Goddards Green Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.
C257 New Pond Road from Goddards Green Road to Golford Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via C257 New Pond Roads (southbound), B2086 Hartley Road, B2189 High Street/Stone Street, C256 The Hill/Bakers Cross/Golford Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.

Advance road works information boards will be placed prior to works commencing on site, giving details as to when works are scheduled to commence and expected duration.

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U1384 Reynolds Lane, Tunbridge Wells from Speldhurst Road to Culverden Down. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via C45 Speldhurst Road, A26 St. Johns Road and Culverden Down. Southbound traffic vice versa.
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U1135 High Street, Bidborough from B2176 Penshurst Road to Franks Hollow Road. When required 24 hours per day Sunday to Saturday.	Northbound traffic via Franks Hollow Road, Stocklands Green Road, Speldhurst Hill, Barden Road and B2176 Penshurst Road. Southbound traffic vice versa.

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New Fiat 500's grand reception



Launch night at Northgate Fiat, Canterbury

A WINTRY Monday night in January is an unlikely time to launch a new car.

Particularly one evoking 'La Dolce Vita' as much as Fiat's reborn 500, but the Italian marque – inspired by advance interest in its new city car – chose last Monday as it was exactly 500 hours from the start of the New Year.

Fiat also decided it would be a good thing to perch a 500 inside a capsule aboard the London Eye and back it with lights, music and a showbiz party attracting – you're probably ahead of me here – 500 VIP guests and shared via a live link to Fiat dealers nationwide, including those in Kent.

From an industry point of view, it was great to see Fiat indulging in razzamatazz after decades of financial woes and

By **STEVE LOADER**

abortive marriage discussions with General Motors.

Indeed, there is a sense of 'cometh the hour, cometh the manufacturer' as the world belatedly realises that small is beautiful in the battle against global warming.

How Fiat chiefs in Turin must smirk after years of disappointing efforts to be seen as more than a maker of smaller cars – with consequently smaller profits – to see the brand's forte coming to the rescue in the form of the 500.

On Monday, thousands or Kent people – though Fiat would no doubt measure them in 500s – were able to see the new car.

The new 500 is a remarkable car in looks and packaging; modern safety requirements and bigger passengers require it to be bigger than the 1960s vintage 500 Nuovo upon which it is based, but the shape is faithful to the original.

The interior is a mixture of retro inspiration and feel-alike materials, but of a much higher quality than expected on a car starting at a modest £7,900.

Dealers have mixed feelings; for the first time since before most can remember, they have a Fiat would-be buyers are desperate to buy, yet 2008 stock allocations are probably 50 per cent short of meeting demand.

Customers who have sifted the colour and option permutations, ensuring few 500s will be identical, may wait up to five months for their car – the sort of delay that usually afflicts more exotic makes and models.

It is hard to establish whether Fiat is throttling demand to keep the product 'hot' or simply struggling to meet Continental left-hand drive demand, especially after the car won 2007 European Car of the Year.

Nevertheless, dealers are happy interest in the 500 is reflecting well on the brand: "We must have had 200 people come through the door on Monday – not bad for a cold Monday night in January," said Andy Eridge, general sales manager at Northgate Fiat in Canterbury.

"I've already pre-sold 30 cars, but there was huge interest on the night with people climbing in and out of the cars."

He added that the most interest is being generated by the Sport and Lounge premium trim models, bearing out speculation that the 500 is set to challenge the market's leading premium small car, the MINI.

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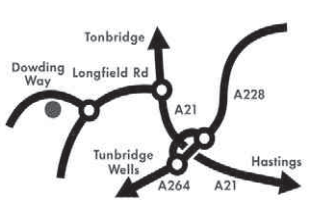
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FIRST GEAR

Compiled by Steve Loader



Innovation from Nissan is 'Noted'

RENAULT has taken 'Note' of its not so junior partner Nissan in revamping the Modus supermini-cum-MPV.

The Modus shares the same platform as the Nissan Note, but the Japanese design – built at Sunderland – has been more successful thanks to its extended cabin.

As a result, a mid-life makeover for the Renault has led to a stretched model being included in the mix – the Grand Modus.

The revised range arrives in showrooms in February priced from £9,650 to £12,550 for the standard Modus and from £10,250 to £13,400 for the 242mm longer Grand.

Zooming ahead on all fronts

MAZDA is living up to its Zoom-Zoom image with an array of developments across its range.

The stunning new Mazda6 is out – the second generation of the model that started the brand's revival – and the brand has also facelifted the sporty Mazda5 people carrier.

And we are featuring two more headline grabbers here: the chic little three-door version of the lightweight Mazda2 supermini and the refreshment package for the revolutionary RX-8 rotary-engine four-door coupe.

The five-door Mazda2 launched late last year showed how Mazda is adopting a pragmatic 'make it lighter' policy in the drive to combat fuel consumption and emissions; cars have been getting heavier and more bloated to carry enhanced safety and the Japanese marque has recognised that this extra bulk must be shed without compromising crash protection.



On top of that, it has to be done with a style in keeping with Mazda's aim to position itself as Japan's answer to Italy's Alfa Romeo.



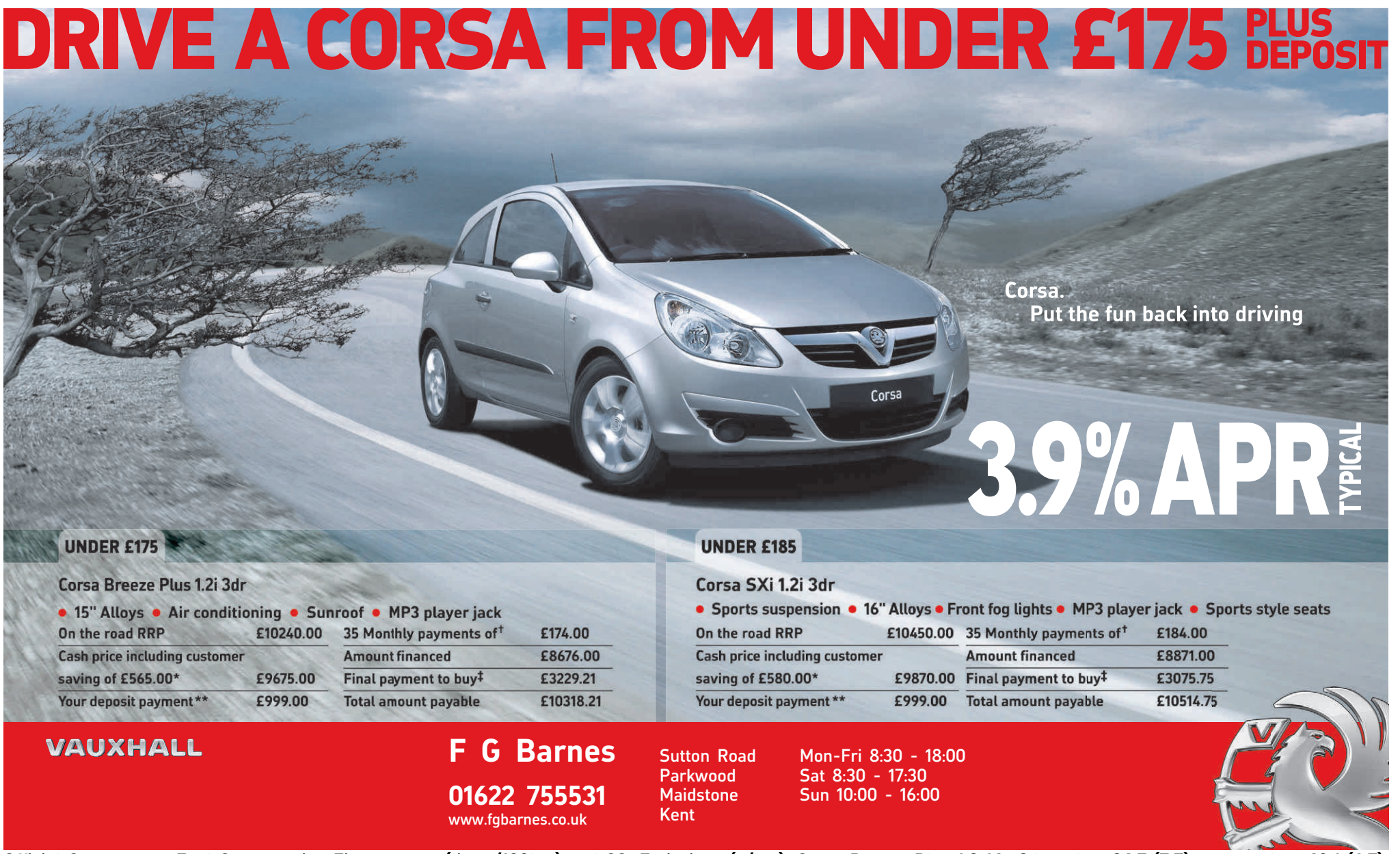
The result has been a Mazda2 that contrasts with its boxy predecessor and, if the five-door was impressive, check out the sharply tailored three-door – surely crying out for a hot hatchback spin-off in due course?

For the moment, power options echo the five-door line-up – 1.3-litre and 1.5-litre petrol engines and the 1.4-litre turbodiesel – and the car has the same overall dimensions.

Meanwhile, the gloriously unconventional RX-8 has had a makeover that includes new front and rear bumpers and front fascia; revised headlamps and twin circular LED rear lamps; and larger diameter exhausts.

The car's hallmarks are unchanged: the rear-hinged rear doors provide easier access to the back of the car for adults and two versions of the turbocharged rotary engine are offered.

However, Mazda engineers have tweaked the rear suspension for better handling and rigidity and this has lowered NVH (noise, vibration and harshness) levels and boosted performance.



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X-Type's new look as Jaguar steps up pace

by STEVELOADER

THERE is nowt so tricky for a car brand as a 'change of design philosophy'.

It means that when's there's a new arrival, the rest of the current range needs sometimes hilarious plastic surgery to avoid looking out of place.

So Jaguar, enjoying acclaim generated by the stunning XF replacement for the S-Type saloon, has had to revise the XJ saloon flagship and now the X-Type saloon and estate.

The British brand – tipped to be sold by cash-strapped Ford to India's fast-growing Tata group – has made a decent job of re-styling both though.

In tweaking the X-Type, it has not only built in some 500 new components, but also incorporated one of the Ford's group's best powertrains for the first time – the 2.2 diesel with six-speed auto 'box.

The most obvious cosmetic change is a flattened version of the new XF's grille.

Instead of the split grille that has been the Jaguar trademark for decades, the simplified replacement is a continuous mesh broken only by the brand's Jaguar's head badge.

It slims the rather pudgy front end that has afflicted the X-Type since Jaguar first shrink-wrapped the bigger XJ's classic styling onto a smaller compact executive class lookalike.



MAKEOVER: The slimming effect of the new grille is the most noticeable change

As a result, the X-Type will see out its production life with better looks to go with handling and poise that still make it one of the most under-rated models in its sector.

The new look 2008 X-Type line-up goes on sale in March from £21,500 for the 2.0-litre diesel saloon, with the 2.2-litre diesel priced from £22,500 for the saloon and £23,900 for the estate – the 'dream ticket' automatic transmission pairing adds £1,450, but should prove a popular extra with company car 'user choosers'.



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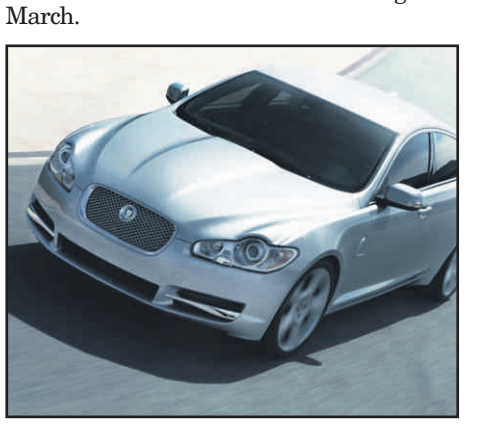
JAGUAR'S latest model – the car that forced the X-Type facelift – has just won the What Car? Magazine 'Car of the Year 2008' award.

The new XF also took top place in the 'Best Executive Car' category, ahead of the BMW 5-Series and Mercedes CLS.

Steve Fowler, group editor of What Car?, said: "For us, the XF goes straight in there with the very best cars from Jaguar's past. And given that the car market today is more competitive than it's ever been, it's fair to say the XF is the best car Jaguar has ever built.

"The XF really does have it all – a sensational exterior and dramatic interior combined with a drive that will delight and pamper in equal measure. On top of that, it stacks up as a sensible buying and owning proposition, too."

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Meet the spiritual successor to the original Quattro



DrivingReview



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Audi S5

AUDI has much to answer for.

Until VW's swanky sister brand launched the original Quattro in 1980, four-wheel drive was used largely by farmers, the building trade and in forestry.

Now it is everywhere, from the tiny Fiat Panda 4x4 to quasi off-roaders like Audi's own Q7 and barge-like limos.

Back in the 1980s though, the motor market was bowled over by the Quattro's proposition: a relatively affordable road-going rally-bred supercar that went round corners on the proverbial rails, really did seat four people, seemed unbreakable and had badge cachet.

Fast forward 27 years and here is an Audi in the great tradition of that pivotal model – the S5, £38,900 flagship of the all-new A5 range.

It will never be the icon that the original Quattro was since, as I said earlier, all-wheel drive is just too commonplace on road cars as manufacturers have raised power options on essentially front-wheel drive models and added extra driven wheels to apply that power in a civilized manner.

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It is a key reason for Audi's arch rivals, Mercedes and BMW, staying true to rear-wheel drive and why Audi needs the 'Quattro option' on its range.

Junior A5 models, for instance, sell in front wheel drive with the Quattro option being phased in as you move up the range, culminating in the Quattro-only 349bhp 4.1-litre V8-powered S5.

The A5 range is effectively the coupe version of the A4 saloon and estate, plugging a gap in the Audi range to defend against the BMW 3-Series Coupe.

It actually shares the platform used on the new A4 saloon due here next month and the exterior echoes the 'curves with creases' styling of recent new Audis, notably the smaller TT Coupe.

I think the shape has the beating of the BMW 3-Series Coupe, but is not totally harmonious even if the S5's extra trappings – big alloys and quad exhaust system – do much to persuade the sceptical eye.

However, there is yet another beautifully executed Audi interior; the way the marque arranges and equips dashboards and controls is worthy of being called a science.

Of course, converting the car from left to right-hand drive has created imperfections such as the 'start' button mounted over on the left of the centre console on the A5/S5, but this is nit-picking.

Even the 'Multi Media Interface' – the knob that controls the sound system, sat nav etc to you and me – is not too irritating, unlike others I could mention.

The interior also feels spacious, though I doubt whether two adults seated in the back would feel as comfortable in the A5/S5 as they would have done in the original Quattro.

Nevertheless, the car is more four-seater – plus decent boot space – than 2+2 and you can even fold the rear seats for extra load carrying.

But has the S5 got soul? A tricky one that. It is relatively good value and should hold that value well. It is also well-made and under-stated – an image-maker for the thinking man.

It has a gorgeous engine too; the V8 is creamy and burbles beautifully on start up and will rocket you to 60mph in five seconds.

Married to a slick-changing six-speed gearbox the car lopes along with such grace on the motorway that it is easy to be lulled into travelling at illegal speeds… and watching the fuel gauge moving before your very eyes.

Out on the open road, appeal is harder to quantify. Of course, the S5's Quattro system – split 40/60 front to rear – delivers incredible grip and security and not at the price of a jarring ride.

Nevertheless, the S5 feels just a bit too aloof – a car to be admired and aspired to, but not one to love. Then again, there is nothing in our rivals list that can hold a candle to it apart from the BMW.



Interior of the A5 range has elevated quality and design to the level of a 'science'



DrivingStats

- Audi S5 £38,900.
- Range: £26,200-test car.
- Garage stats: 4.63m by 1.85m two-door coupe.
- Powertrain: 4,163cc/349bhp V8 driving all-four wheels through a six-speed gearbox.
- Performance: top speed 155mph and 0-62mph in 5.1 seconds.
- How green?: category-G and 298g per km CO2 emissions.
- Official fuel figures: combined 22.8mpg.
- Euro NCAP safety rating (0-5 stars): n/a
- Fuel tank: 63 litres/14 gallons.
- Insurance group: 19.
- Warranty: three years/60,000 miles.
- Website: www.audi.co.uk
- Rivals: Alfa Romeo GT Coupe, BMW 3-Series Coupe, Mazda RX-8, Mercedes CLK and Peugeot 407 Coupe.

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03	2003	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI	19K	CANDY WHITE	£5,690
03	2003	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 MPI	48K	ADMIRAL BLUE	£4,990
04	2004	FABIA COMFORT 1.4 16V	29K	GRAPHITE GREY	£6,490
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V		CORRIDA RED	£6,990
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.4 16V		BLACK MAGIC	£6,990
55	2006	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V	29K	HIGHLAND GREEN	£8,490
55	2005	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	24K	DIAMOND SILVER	£9,990
53	2003	FABIA BLUELINE 1.2 12V	31K	ADMIRAL BLUE	£5,790
55	2005	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	27K	BLACK MAGIC	£9,990
06	2006	FABIA VRS 1.9 TDI	11K	CORRIDA RED	£10,990
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07	2007	FABIA 1 1.2 12V	1K	FLAMENCO RED	£8,990
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57	2007	FABIA 2 1.2 12V		HIGHLAND GREEN	£9,990

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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
53	2003	FABIA CLASSIC 1.4 MPI	57K	LEMON YELLOW	£4,790
51	2001	FABIA COMFORT 1.9 TDI	68K	CAYENNE RED	£5,290
05	2005	FABIA AMBIENTE 1.9 SDI	33K	FLAMENCO RED	£7,990
06	2006	FABIA ELEGANCE 1.4 16V	21K	GRAPHITE GREY	£9,490
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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
56	2007	ROOMSTER 1 1.4 16V	2K	CORRIDA RED	£8,990
07	2007	ROOMSTER 1 1.4 16V	2K	DIAMOND SILVER	£10,990
07	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.4 16V	2K	STORM BLUE	£10,490
07	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V	3K	ANTHRACITE GREY	£10,990
07	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V		OCEAN BLUE	£11,490
57	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V		ANTHRACITE GREY	£12,290
57	2007	ROOMSTER 2 1.6 16V		FLAMENCO RED	£12,290
07	2007	ROOMSTER 3 1.4 16V	3K	OCEAN BLUE	£11,490

OCTAVIA 5DR HATCH

Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
54	2005	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI	16K	GRAPHITE GREY	£7,990
07	2007	OCTAVIA CLASSIC 1.9 TDI		CANDY WHITE	£11,990
56	2006	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI	10K	DIAMOND SILVER	£11,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 FSI	3K	SATIN GREY	£12,490
54	2004	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	31K	STONE GREY	£9,490
54	2004	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	27K	GRAPHITE GREY	£9,990
54	2004	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	29K	SAHARA BEIGE	£9,690
56	2006	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	8K	BLACK MAGIC	£12,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.9 TDI	5K	STORM BLUE	£12,490
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 2.0 TDI	3K	STORM BLUE	£14,490
03	2003	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	71K	MAGIC BLACK	£5,990
54	2004	OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 1.9 TDI	22K	MAGIC BLACK	£9,490
06	2006	OCTAVIA VRS 2.0 FSI	11K	DIAMOND SILVER	£13,990
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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
07	2007	OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 1.6 FSI		CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£13,990
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Plate	Year	Model	Mileage	Colour	Price
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ACCORD, 2.0 SE Saloon 4dr VTec, 04/2001, air conditioning alloy wheels cruise control power assisted steering service history, silver, 55000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ACCORD, VTEC Executive, bk04pgf, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, full leather, abs, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, I-VTEC SE, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, win air bags, electric sunroof, rear armrest, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ALFA ROMEO

156, 1.8 T SPARK, 2000 (v), 67759 miles red, 4 door saloon, pas, abs, air bag, passenger air bag, electric sunroof, immobiliser, stereo, metallic burgandy, £only £2795, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

156, 1.8 T SPARK, 2000, red, 67759 miles, £2795, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

AUDI

A2, SE 5dr, climate control, remote alarm, remote central locking, power steering, anti-theft system, folding rear seats, radio cassette, uk specification, uk supplied, 16'' alloys, aluminium silver, 66440 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A3, SE, central locking, immobiliser, air conditioning, abs, air bag, cd player, colour coded body, head restraints, electric mirrors, alcantara leather, stereo, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, 17'' alloys, blue, 52000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

A3, 1.6 SE 3dr, abs, twin air bags, side air bags, immobiliser, remote central locking, power steering, climate control, alcantara leather, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, rear spoiler, stability control, radio cassette, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, centre armrest, metallic paintwork, colour coded body, colour coded interior, alloy wheels, metallic crystal blue, 68000 miles, £6490, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

A4, 2.5 tdi quattro, 2001, blue metallic with black leather, 107000 miles, £5950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

A4, estate 2.4 auto, 2003, grey metallic with grey cloth, 48000 miles, £7950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

A4, 2.0 SE, 2001 (510, 01(51) audi a4 2.0 se manual g/box, stunning met diamond black coachwork with contrasting cream fleck trim, low mileage, new mot, electric windows, mirrors, power steering, 4x air bags, remote central locking, alarm/immobilizer, on board computer, traction control, cd hi-fi, just serviced, absolutely mint condition bargain at £6995 now £6395, diamond black, 49000 miles, £6395, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

A4, 2.0 TDI S-LINE, 2006, trim: leather engine size: 2000 transmission: manual no. of doors: 5, gunmetal grey, 20300 miles, £19795, Palm Bay, Margate, 01843 298554 (TRADE)

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BENTLEY

Continental GT, 2005, arena red metallic with saddle leather interior, 28000 miles, £62950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

BMW

1 SERIES, 116i SE 5dr [6], 120296127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric front windows, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, parking sensor, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, head restraints, height adjustable seat, retractable headrests, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, trip computer, multiple airbags, quick-clear screen, electric windows, air conditioning, dual climate zones, cd player, radio, steering wheel audio controls, stereo, 16'' alloys, blue, 9701 miles, £12999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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3 SERIES, 323i, 254461, central locking, full leather, head restraints, power hood, abs, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, electric mirrors, electric front windows, cd player, uk supplied, 17'' alloys, montreal blue met, 70000 miles, £5999, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

3 SERIES, Saloon 2.0 D Se, metallic paintwork, bmw 3 series 2004 saloon 2.0 d se manual (diesel) coal black metallic, 2004, 48712 miles, manual, diesel, 4 doors, black, £10940, Drake and Fletcher Honda, Ashford, 0845 371 0201 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

KALOS, SX 1.4, 502639, finished in poly silver with black cloth interior manual, black, 1000 miles, £7495, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

KALOS, SX 1.4, 503639, finished in sports blue with black cloth interior manual, black, 1000 miles, £7495, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

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CHRYSLER

NEON, 2.0 LXI, 1995 (n), 95 (n) chrysler neon 2.0 lxi automatic, 5 door saloon, metallic green with contrasting grey velour trim, low mileage, service history, new mot, ew x 4, em, pas, air bags, original hi-fi, only 1 owner from new. a snip at now £1295 many more quality pre-owned cars for sale on: www.rivieracarsales.co.uk, metallic green, low mileage miles, £only £1695, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 01303 244244 (TRADE)

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PT CRUISER, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, remote alarm, remote central locking, front fog lamps, centre armrest, cd player, air conditioning, cruise control, twin air bags, electric mirrors, electric windows, abs, power steering, cloth upholstery, alloy wheels, silver, 34000 miles, £5995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

CITROEN

C2, 1.1i SX 3dr, 2007, 1.1i sx 3dr hatch, wicked red, 3000 miles, £6795, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C2, 1.4 HDi SX 3dr, 2006, 1.4 hdi sx 3dr diesel hatch, silver, 9200 miles, £7495, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C2, 1.4i SX 3dr, 1.4i sx 3dr hatch, black, 4300 miles, £6995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C2, 1.4 HDi SX (a/c) 3dr, gk54sxz, immobiliser, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, height adjustable seat, sports seats, rear wash/wipe, electric front windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, stereo, metallic blue, 49000 miles, £4990, Kent TDi Centre, Maidstone, 01622 750022 (TRADE)

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C2, 1.1i LX 3dr, 2004, 1.1i lx 3dr hatch, blue, 36000 miles, £5495, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i Furio 3dr, 2007, 1.1i furio 3dr hatch, blue, 1000 miles, £7295, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i Design 3dr, 2006, 1.1i design 3dr hatch, blue, 5000 miles, £6295, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C2, 1.1i L 3dr, 2005, 1.1i l 3dr hatch, yellow, 10 miles, £5995, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

C5, 1.6 HDi 16V VTR 5dr, 2006, 1.6 hdi 16v vtr 5dr diesel hatch, red, 12761 miles, £10995, Wilmoths Folkestone, Folkestone, 01303 245 588 (TRADE)

C6, 2.7 HDi V6 Exclusive 4dr Auto, 2007, 2.7 hdi v6 exclusive 4dr auto diesel saloon, iron grey, 5000 miles, £25495, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0i 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2005, 2.0i 16v sx 5dr auto estate, mediterranean blue, 9606 miles, £9995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2004, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr auto diesel estate, oriental blue, 47265 miles, £9995, Masters Citroen, Penge, 0208 659 0909 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V SX 5dr Auto, 2005, 2.0 hdi 16v sx 5dr auto diesel estate, blue, 24000 miles, £10995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C8, 2.0 HDi 16V LX 5dr [120] [non-FAP], 2007, 2.0 hdi 16v lx 5dr [120] [non-fap] diesel estate, grey, 12000 miles, £13995, Barretts Citroen, canterbury, 0845 3709768 (TRADE)

C8, 2.2i 16V Exclusive 5dr, 2005, 2.2i 16v exclusive 5dr estate, blue, 40000 miles, £10495, Wilmoths Ashford, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

DAEWOO

DAEWOO NUBIRA 4 door saloon, 06 2000, 1.6 p se mot july 08, 0 miles, £500, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ESPERO 2.0, 1996, silver, 59387 miles, £1495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

LACETTI, SX 1.6, 25637, finished in mint green with black interior manual, black, 0 miles, £4995, Caffyns Tumbridge Wells Vauxhall, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

LANOS, 1.4 S Hatchback 3d 1349cc, w583vlm, new mot very clean cheap tax & insurance, green, 33935 miles, £1495.00, DCD Autos, ASHFORD, 01233 642211 (TRADE)

MATIZ, Extra 1., 512639, finished in blue with black interior manual, black, 2000 miles, £3995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

MATIZ, SE 0.8, 514639, finished in blue with interior manual, blue, 17000 miles, £2995, caffyns chevrolet t wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

DAIHATSU

DAIHATSU HI JET, 11 1999, 1.3 efi drop side truck 49.000 miles ex council, £2750, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

GRAND MOVE, immobiliser, cloth upholstery, power steering, metallic paintwork, electric front windows, radio, red, 45000 miles, £2699, Marshams, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

TERIOS, 1.3 Sport Station Wagon 5d 1298cc, 05 2005, remote central locking, a.b.s, electric windows, electric mirrors, power assisted steering, 5 speed gearbox, grey cloth interior, roof spoiler, side opening rear door,
parcel shelf, large boot, alloy wheels, front and rear fog lamps, full service history. metallic blue and grey, miles, £6795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

FIAT

BRAVO, 1.9 MultiJet 16V 150 Sport, 2915256, choice of colours, 0 miles, £13795, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

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DOBLO, 1.4 Active, 62256, choice of colours, 0 miles, £7995, Thames Group Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 01892 549766 (TRADE)

MAREA, TD 100 SX Weekend, 1998, red, 106000 miles, £995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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PANDA, 1.2 Dynamic 5dr, 118955127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, immobiliser, adjustable steering column, power steering, trip computer, automatic electric windows, stereo, radio cassette, grey, 10812 miles, £4999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)



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KA, Style, 55, genuine mileage car. carefully used one lady owner. non smoker. excellent condition.fsh.radio cassette. garaged nightly. taxed til end may 2008.1 years maker warranty left, transferable, panther black, 9400 miles, £3595, Rochester, Kent, 077180 30006 (PRIVATE)

ESCORT, 1.6i Finesse Hatchback, 1998, front electric windows, moondust silver, 55000 miles, £2189, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

ESCORT, 1.6 Finesse, 2000, insurance group 7 air conditioning alloy wheels body front electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering radio/cd 2 owners, amparo blue, 40000 miles, £2689, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

FIESTA, LX 5dr, 5552079, rear wash/wipe, central locking, electric front windows, air bag, blue, 61500 miles, £2495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FIESTA, Flight 3dr, 5571079, sunroof, alloy wheels, red, 46000 miles, £2995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.4 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 31/01/2007, cd player abs alarm power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 14533 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.4 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 31/01/2007, cd player abs alarm driver airbag electric windows, grey, 14442 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.4 LX 5dr (2005 - 2007), 31/01/2007, cd player abs alarm driver airbag immobiliser electric windows, grey, 14433 miles, £7999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 5dr [Climate Pack] (2005 - 2007), 04/04/2007, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 18152 miles, £9999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Sport 5dr (2005 - 2007), 07/02/2007, cd player abs alarm black, 13057 miles, £8999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 2.5 ST-3 3dr (2006 - 2007), 26/05/2006, cd player abs leather hood cover electric windows, blue, 21000 miles, £14999, Invicta Motors, Ashford, 01233 504400 (TRADE)

FOCUS, 1.6 Zetec 5dr [Climate Pack] (2005 - 2007), 19/03/2007, cd player abs electric windows, grey, 13032 miles, £9499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

FOCUS, LX 1.8 TDCi 115ps New model, 2005, machine silver with charcoal special trim, 30000 miles, £7995, IJM Motors, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

KA, Design 3dr, 5795079, central locking, blue, 15600 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Sublime, 2004, insurance group 4 abs air conditioning alloy wheels body coloured bumpers drivers airbag front electric windows height leather seats remote central locking 1 owner. service history, aquarius blue, 31000 miles, £5000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3i Collection [70], 2003, insurance group 3 body coloured bumpers central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser power steering radio/cd 1 owner, ink blue, 45000 miles, £3489, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

KA, 3dr, gf04 kkt, rear wash/wipe, cloth upholstery, radio cassette, power steering, air bag, blue, 32000 miles, £3295, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

KA, 1.3 3dr, gf55wcy, cloth upholstery, colour coded interior, folding rear seats, head restraints, power steering, abs, air bag, rear wash/wipe, radio cassette, blue, 5000 miles, £4390, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

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ACCORD, VTEC Executive, bk04pgf, alarm, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, heated seats, height adjustable seat, lumbar support, adjustable steering column, cruise control, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rain-sensing wipers, electric mirrors, electric windows, dual climate zones, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 53000 miles, £8990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

ACCORD, I-VTEC SE, 5530079, remote central locking, remote alarm, rear headrests, electric mirrors, electric windows, height adjustable seat, cruise control, power steering, adjustable steering column, radio cassette, air conditioning, twin air bags, electric sunroof, rear armrest, abs, cloth upholstery, red, 56000 miles, £3695, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

ACCORD, 2.2i CTDi Sport 5dr, 118910127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, cruise control, half leather, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, immobiliser, central locking, remote central locking, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, traction control, curtain airbags, quick-clear screen, metallic paintwork, tow pack, automatic electric windows, air conditioning, dual climate zones, stereo, 17'' alloys, met blue, 69052 miles, £9999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 1.7v tec coupe, 2002, gold met with grey cloth, 52000 miles, £4950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

CIVIC, tornado 1.4 i, 1998, turquise, 107000 miles, £1895, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

CIVIC, 2.0 i-VTEC Type S 5dr, 03/09/2003, cd player abs driver airbag power steering electric windows, blue, 67000 miles, £6599, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

CIVIC, SE 1.6 5dr, dy04jcj, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, abs, child locks, side air bags, twin air bags, colour coded body, rear spoiler, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, air conditioning, cd player, alloy wheels, silver, 56000 miles, £6990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

HYUNDAI

AMICA, 1.0 GSi Auto, 2001, insurance group 4 air conditioning alloy wheels central locking drivers airbag folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights immobiliser power steering radio/cassette service history, polar white, 44000 miles, £2189, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

AMICA, 1.1 Cdx, 559649, hyundai amica 1.1 cdx 5dr hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher red, 2006, 8350 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, red, £4995, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

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AMICA, Gsi, 129649, hyundai amica gsi hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 5900 miles, manual, petrol, 5 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £3490, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

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JAGUAR

S-TYPE, 3.0 V6 Auto, 1999, insurance group 15 abs alarm alloy wheels body coloured bumpers climate control drivers airbag radio/cassette remote central locking side airbags traction control trip computer 2 owners service history, meteorite silver, 62000 miles, £5000, A 1 Carriages, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

KIA

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LX 5dr, 01/03/2003, cd player power steering, blue, 35265 miles, £4799, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

CARENS, 2.0 CRDi LE, 2006, insurance group 9 abs air conditioning body coloured bumpers drivers airbag electricdoor mirrors folding rear seats front electric windows front fog lights heated door mirrors height adjustable drivers seat immobiliser leather seats passenger airbag power steering radio/cd rear electric windows remote central locking roof rails steering wheel rake adjustment, cool silver, miles, £9995, Masters Bromley Kia, Beckenham, 0208 662 6133 (TRADE)

CARENS, Le 16v Crdi Auto, hk54 ehb, front fog lamps, roof rails, rear wash/wipe, rear headrests, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, adjustable steering column, height adjustable seat, air conditioning, twin air bags, abs, power steering, cd player, radio, silver, 8500 miles, £7495, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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COOPER, 1.6 3dr, fp54gao, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, electric front windows, multi-disc cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, alloy wheels, pure silver black ro, 57039 miles, £8999, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

RENAULT

LAGUNA, Sport, x, excellent condition, runner, silver, 60000 miles, £2200, Kent, 07809 880930 (PRIVATE)

CLIO, 1.4 Authentique Hatchback 5d, 04 2004, remote central locking, electric windows, remote mirrors, power assisted steering, twin srs airbags, radio/cd system, radio/volume control on steering wheel, renault hands free phone kit, 5 speed gearbox, fully body colour, one owner service history. metallic blue, miles, £4995, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)



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CLIO, 1.4 Expression + Hatchback 5d 1390cc, 52 2002, remote central locking, electric windows, electric mirrors, electric sunroof, power assisted steering, twin srs, airbag, radio/cassette system, air conditioning, full body colour, service history, 1 owner. metallic silver, miles, £4795, Westbrook Cars, Canterbury, 01227 710685 (TRADE)

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LAGUNA, 1.9 Dci 120 Dynamique, 400649, renault laguna 1.9 dci 120 dynamique 5dr hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher green, 2005, 26787 miles, manual, diesel, 5 doors, 2 previous owners, green, £8495, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

SAAB

9-3, Linear TID 1.9, oct 2004 gf54wdc, two previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, air conditioning, electric windows, 6 speed gearbox, full service history, radio/cd player, twin & side airbags, abs brakes, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, tinted glass, adj. steering column, seat height adjuster, alloy wheels. silver metallic, 32, 000 miles, £9,495, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 206710 (TRADE)

9-3, 1.8t Linear Convertible 2d 1998cc (2004), lc54uwd, black, 28000 miles, £14495, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

9-3, 2.0T Aero Convertible 2d 1998cc 6sp (2004), gf07ksj, ice blue, 4000 miles, £25995, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

9-3, 1.8t Linear Convertible 2d 1998cc auto (2004), lv55dhe, fushion blue, 6000 miles, £16995, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

9-3, 1.9TiD (120bhp) Linear Sport Saloon 4d 1910cc (2005), gf07krz, anniversart model, ice blue, 6000 miles, £17995, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

9-3, 1.9TiD (150bhp) Linear Sport Saloon 4d 1910cc (2005), espresso black, 31000 miles, £11495, Maidstone Saab, Snodland, 01634 246 750 (TRADE)

900, S 2.0, 1999, green, 63446 miles, £1495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

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ALHAMBRA, 2.0 TDi PD Reference 7 Seat 5dr, 120462127, abs, air bag, twin air bags, side air bags, alarm, climate control, electric front windows, electric windows, cd player, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, front fog lamps, ink blue met, 37700 miles, £12499, AutoPlanet Maidstone, Maidstone, 0845 871 5185 (TRADE)

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FORESTER, X All Weather, gy55vwn, immobiliser, locking wheel nuts, remote alarm, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, heated seats, head restraints, height adjustable seat, folding rear seats, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, cruise control, power steering, trip computer, abs, brake assist, front fog lamps, headlamp jetwash, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, tow pack, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, electric sunroof, multi-disc cd player, radio, uk specification, uk supplied, 16'' alloys, 4x4, greengrey, 16500 miles, £9995, Lifestyle Subaru Tunbridge Wells, Tunbridge Wells, 0844 8446514 (TRADE)

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SUZUKI JIMNY JLX, 09 2000, 1.2 p auto 4x4 estate red 45.000 miles, £2995, Beaver Commercials, Ashford, 01233 634763 (TRADE)

ALTO, GL, 2005, red, 14970 miles, £3595, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 04/2004, power assisted steering alloy wheels fog lights cd player full service history 1061cc 16v, met black, 18000 miles, £3, 995, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

ALTO, 1.1 GL Hatchback 5dr, 07/2004, 1061cc 16v power assisted steering central locking full service history, bright red, 29500 miles, £3, 695, Cheriton Motor House, Folkestone, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

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AYGO, 1.0 Vvt I +, 357649, toyota aygo 1.0 vvt-i + 3dr hyundai hyundai Ashford drake & fletcher silver, 2006, 8351 miles, manual, petrol, 3 doors, 1 previous owners, silver, £5990, Drake and Fletcher Hyundai, Ashford, 0845 389 1214 (TRADE)

CELICA, 1.8 VVTi Premium Blue 3dr, 14/02/2005, blue, 46547 miles, £10499, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

COROLLA, 1.6 VVT-i T Spirit 5dr (2004 - 2006), 23/05/2005, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, silver, 11652 miles, £8299, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 08444 992321 (TRADE)

COROLLA, T Spirit D-4d 5dr, fm04ymp, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, centre armrest, height adjustable seat, adjustable steering column, multi-function steering wheel, power steering, abs, child locks, side air bags, twin air bags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, alloy wheels, metallic blue, 40000 miles, £7990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

COROLLA, GLS VVT-I 5dr Auto, x561 jkk, front fog lamps, rear wash/wipe, remote central locking, remote alarm, electric windows, electric mirrors, rear headrests, height adjustable seat, cloth upholstery, radio cassette, multi-disc cd player, air conditioning, twin air bags, adjustable steering column, power steering, abs, electric sunroof, alloy wheels, blue, 56000 miles, £3995, Kings Highway Garage Ltd, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

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Food giant buys a big slice of pie



ACQUISITION: Larry Goodman's Irish Food Processors has taken over WA Turner

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ONE of the richest men in Ireland has swallowed an even bigger slice of the UK food market by taking over Kent-based sausage and pie manufacturer WA Turner in a multi-million pound deal.

Larry Goodman's Irish Food Processors, one of Europe's largest beef processors, has taken a stake in the Garden of England by snapping up WA Turner's two factories in Tunbridge Wells.

WA Turner will operate alongside IFP's Anglo Beef Processors Group, whose offshoots produce consumer-ready products for major multiple retailers, as well as well-known national brands.

Mark Roberts, WA Turner's chief executive, who will continue in the role, said: "Our products are in a fast-expanding area of the market and moving into the ABP Group will give us the additional financial strength and skills to fully exploit our potential."

An ABP spokesman told KOS Media: "No changes are envisaged for the management or the 560 employees of WA Turner."

ABP, with 13 plants in the UK, is already responsible for processing almost 20 per cent of all beef produced in the market, and supplies major multiple retailers with hundreds of different products every day from its packing plants, including all Sainbury's beef.

It is active in the catering and manufacturing sectors and the export market, and is also developing a leading position in the production of biodiesel in the UK.

WA Turner has a history going back more than 150 years. Starting life as a butcher's shop in Stowmarket, Suffolk, it has been based in Tunbridge Wells since 1970.

Today the firm, which was a management buy-out from its parent company Prize Foods Group in 2003, is one of the UK's leading and most successful producers of traditional sausages and savoury pies.

Its site is split into two factories, both operating seven days a week, producing chilled and frozen products.

One factory specialises in savoury bakery products including puff and shortcrust pies, as well as suet puddings, and the other produces chilled and frozen traditional British sausages, covering just about every product and packaging format from jumbo to cocktail sausages.

Mr Goodman is the sole shareholder of the company that he built out of the collapse of his Goodman International. That suffered horrendous problems in the early 1990s when an embargo was slapped on Iraq, one of Goodman's main markets, in the wake of the first Gulf war.

The banks effectively took control of the business, but by 1997 Goodman had built up his stake to 45 per cent and to 100 per cent in September 1999.

A spokesman for ABP said: "The Turner operation fits perfectly into our group strategy. This acquisition confirms our commitment to expanding our interest in consumer-ready products and to investing in the UK food market."

Companies within the ABP Group include Wessex Foods, which supplies 60 per cent of the UK's frozen burgers market from a state-of-the-art plant at Lowestoft, Suffolk. Wessex also supplies a range of other frozen meat products and has a sophisticated fresh burger production operation.

Other sister companies include Freshlink Foods in Glasgow, which is the largest frozen sausage supplier to the UK retail market, and Eatwell UK, which operates from a processing plant in Liverpool and is a big player in the expanding hot sandwich market.

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County may benefit from PM's China trip

By **TONY PATEY**
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KENT will be a key part of Premier Gordon Brown's major push for extra trade with China, the once-sleeping economic giant which is now flexing its muscles.

He predicted that "tens of thousands" of British jobs will be created by boosting trade with China and has agreed with Chinese premier Wen Jiabo to increase trade between the two countries by a hefty 50 per cent by 2010.

A major new announcement about Kent links with Chinese business and commerce is expected in the middle of next month.

Mr Brown, speaking shortly after he arrived in China for his first visit since becoming UK prime minister, said the relationship between the two countries was "absolutely crucial" to the success of the global economy as a whole.

On August 2, Broadstairs-based Commercial Group Properties Plc (CGP), announced a memorandum of understanding with China's Zhejiang Province to lease 2.5m sq ft of land at Manston to Chinese businesses.

That followed an earlier announcement in May that up to 1.1m sq ft at the site would be leased to the Beijing Association of SMEs.

John Bunnett, the corporate director of Thanet District Council (TDC) has agreed to speak at a business breakfast organised by Thanet and East Kent Chamber on 20 February 2008.

His theme will be the developments at Manston airport. He is expected to reveal the latest plans for expansion and the opportunities for the local business community.

A Thanet District Council delegation was in China for a week last November – not, by the way, at the expense of taxpayers.

Mr Brown also said he wanted 100 new Chinese companies to invest in the UK by 2010.

He said: "It's true we are able to sell to China not just financial and business services and environmental technologies, but also a whole range of British brands that are becoming popular among the rising number of Chinese consumers.

"We said we want Britain to be the number one destination of choice for Chinese business as it invests in the rest of the world."

The news comes after China became the world's biggest producer of gold, ending more than a century of South African dominance.

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Manston plans set for take-off

TWO major consultancy firms, which both have Kent connections, have been appointed to draw up a master plan for the future of Kent International Airport at Manston.

The airport's chief executive officer Matt Clarke told Kent on Sunday exclusively this week that the two firms – Peter Brett Associates and Terence O'Rourke – are now taxiing for take-off on the first stages of the project.

Mr Clarke – who at 28 is reckoned to be the youngest CEO in the business – said: "We are now looking at the master plan, to get a full overview of the airport which will give us the basis for our policy decisions.

"We are now at the first stages, and we want to get through those before committing ourselves to any timescale."

Peter Brett Associates (PBA) has a branch at Kings Hill, West Malling and has worked on the nearby A228 Leybourne and West Malling bypass as well as Ebbsfleet and Eastern Quarry. Terence O'Rourke has worked on a number of airport projects, and Kings Hill business park when it was transformed from a former RAF base.

Investment will be earmarked for passenger facilities and services areas, although the 2.7 km long, 60-metre wide runway could already take, for example, the giant Airbus A380 passenger aircraft.



MASTER PLAN: Kent International Airport

The airport is owned by New Zealand-based Infratil, an owner and operator of businesses in the energy – mainly renewable – airport and public transport sectors. It owns Prestwick Airport in Scotland and is a major shareholder in Wellington Airport in New Zealand.

It deals with tens of thousands of tonnes of freight and around 8,000 passengers a year.

A lot of its freight comes from Africa in the form of fruit and flowers, and users claim the airport's modern handling equipment allows staff to unload in the quickest times of any of the airports they use.

Mr Clarke counters the problem of higher fuel prices by saying aircraft are 70 per cent more efficient than they were in the 1960s, and, in terms of Green footprint, they are 75 per cent less noisy over the same period.

Meantime, the Civil Aviation Authority said passenger traffic at UK airports had increased at an average annual rate of 6 per cent since the mid-1970s, but it has fallen to just two per cent over the past two years. Britain now has one of the slowest growing air travel markets in the EU.

Nevertheless, it still remains one of the biggest markets in the world, with nearly 230 million passengers a year travelling through UK airports.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Companies face fines for late tax payment

NEW businesses in Kent could face a total tax fine of £500,000 if they don't meet their January 31 tax deadlines.

Barclays bank warns that January 31 marks the deadline for unincorporated businesses to pay any owed income tax for 2006-07. Businesses that fail to do so are liable for an automatic £100 fine.

According to the National Audit Office, 47 per cent of newly registered businesses do not pay their VAT or PAYE contributions on time.

Jason Small, local business area manager for Barclays said: "Our research suggests around 10,000 new businesses started in Kent in 2006, so if half miss the deadline that's a potential £500,000 in fines."

One-stop system just ticket for Eurostar

FUJITSU Services and Eurostar, the high-speed international rail operator, have announced that Fujitsu has connected Eurostar's online ticket system with those of seven UK train operators.

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Why poor advice is costing accountants

IN A joint survey, entitled 'You and Your Accountant', carried out by the UK200 Group and Clydesdale Bank, 86.8 per cent of respondents said that poor or incorrect advice had encouraged them to take their business elsewhere.

A lack of a personal touch came second, with 65.8 per cent of the vote, followed by high fees, which received 60.5 per cent. Only 9.7 per cent said that their accountants helped them achieve the best possible savings.

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Kent businesspeople who want to find out the latest views on the state of our economy should go to a Channel Chamber of Commerce breakfast briefing on Valentine's Day.

Dennis Turner, chief economist of HSBC Bank plc in London will be giving his view from the coalface, on February 14 at the Hotel Quality Burlington in Folkestone.

Caroline Chambers, manager of the Chamber, said, "This is a wonderful opportunity for local businesses to enjoy a world-class speaker.

"Dennis will share his views on the current state of the economy – here in the UK, in Europe, America and in emerging markets.

"He is expected to challenge the 'official view' of the economy when stacked up against actual experiences.

"He will argue that the macro economy really does not matter these days, and tell us how agile businesses can 'buck the trend'."

Before joining Midland Bank in 1978, he worked for four years in Whitehall, for the National Economic Development Office.

This was during the Labour government's Industrial Strategy Initiative, which was an attempt to improve the performance of the UK's manufacturing sector.

His hobbies are music and football and his publications include the definitive history of Fulham Football Club, the need for an industrial bank in the UK, analyses of the textile and construction industries, and critiques on the recordings of Van Morrison, Joe Cocker and Ray Charles.

See www.channelchamber.co.uk events page for more information or email caroline.chambers@channelchamber.co.uk.

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Insurers in bid to improve flood cover

UK's British Insurance Brokers' Association (BIBA) is urging the Government to set up a single body to take responsibility for the risk of flooding and to improve defences.

The call follows last summer's floods which devastated thousands of homes and left hundreds homeless.

BIBA says the insurance industry will try to continue to provide flood cover at affordable rates.

But it said: "This will be largely dependent on the Government providing adequate and continued funding for flood defences and flood relief schemes."

M&S and Oxfam in clothes swap drive

MARKS & Spencer, and Oxfam have joined forces to launch the M&S and Oxfam Clothes Exchange, the biggest programme in the UK to encourage consumers to recycle their clothes.

The Exchange is designed to raise money for Oxfam's work to tackle poverty and injustice, and reduce the million tonnes of clothing sent by the public to landfill in the UK each year.

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Tried and tested format recipe for chef's success

By **TONY PATEY**
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BUSINESS plans can make or break approaches to bank managers for start-up cash – but ex-Savoy chef Brian Keeley-Whiting had no problem dishing up the right menu of information.

It still wasn't easy – he wanted to take over a leasehold pub whose tills hadn't been ringing as loudly as they should have been and renovate it, and a visit to his long-standing bank manager didn't serve up the money.

Only a half of all restaurants survive in their first year of trading. But leading Tunbridge Wells law firm, CooperBurnett, put him in touch with Clydesdale Bank and its Financial Solutions Centre (FSC) also in the town. That pulled up the result.

FSC business partner Andy Thorp said: "Traditionally, banks will view lending on leasehold pubs, and in particular their refurbishment, as high risk given that if the business fails the bank is invariably left with an occupational lease of very little commercial value.

"Mr Keeley-Whiting was the exception to the rule. Not only did he have an excellent track record and sound financial management, but also a total belief and conviction in what he was seeking to achieve."



PORTFOLIO: Chef Brian Keeley-Whiting and Chris Hammond (inset) aim to have 20 successful pubs within the next decade

That's how he and his 'silent' financial partner, Chris Hammond, came to take over The Chaser Inn in Tonbridge. They first met when taking their children to school in Langton Green, and the partnership is still going strong with their Whiting & Hammond company.

Mr Keeley-Whiting, a 41-year-old father of three, and father of two Mr Hammond, who still works in the City, and, in his late 40s, is about to become a grandfather for the first time, have just taken over their sixth pub.

It was in 2005 that Mr Keeley-Whiting knocked on FSC's door, and The Chaser was followed by The Old Mill, East Grinstead, Mark Cross Inn at Mark Cross, The Little Brown Jug, Chiddingstone Causeway near Penshurst, The Plough, Plumpton Green, and, just before Christmas, The Farm @ Friday Street at Langley, Eastbourne.

Mr Keeley-Whiting said: "Our business philosophy is to take on pubs which have character and, we hope, potential, then apply our 'tried and tested' approach and transform them into places that people want to go to, not just once but again and again with their friends and family."

He has just promoted Darren Somerton, another ex-Savoy chef who has been running The Chaser, to operations manager, taking on day-to-day responsibilities for the whole group.

Mr Keeley-Whiting said: "This is an exciting industry to be in. I can envisage a portfolio of 20 strong performing pubs within the next decade."

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How far will you go in an interview?

TWO out of three people you work with may not be the same type of person when they're home – a new survey has revealed that 64 per cent of UK workers (i.e. 18.6 million) put on a false personality when they walk into work.

That compares with a European average of 50 per cent, says business psychology experts OPP which carried out the probe.

Nearly half of UK employees (46 per cent) admit the interview process failed to reveal their true selves and said they adapted the way in which they presented their personality to try to 'fit in' with the company.

Of those who put on a false face to try and impress, a third (34 per cent) confessed they projected a different personality from their true one.

But, significantly, one in five employees (22 per cent) is stressed out because they have continued to put up the false front they first employed at the interview stage.

Robert McHenry, CEO of OPP, said: "This research underlines why so many businesses are supplementing job interviews with psychometric tests and other forms of assessment.

"If people fake it, it can lead to major problems, particularly if the true personality that emerges later is not best suited to the team, the role and the organisation.

"It's also self-defeating for employers. Businesses thrive on a mix of personalities not an army of clones. If individuals are trying to fit in by deliberately disguising who they are and how they behave, the consequences for them are typically stress and productivity issues."

To complicate matters further, the research also uncovered that according to almost half (47 per cent) of employees, the persona their boss adopted during the interview was also a front. The eventual view many employees have of their line manager's personality is not consistent with that first impression.

Mr McHenry said: "On one hand, you have half of all interviewees pretending to be something they're not. On the other, half of all interviewers are also concealing their real personalities.

"It's no wonder that recruitment and selection practitioners recommend not relying on interviews alone."



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Forging a bright future for bold entrepreneurs

DAVID Forge, formerly Kent senior partner and head of audit for KPMG in Gatwick, took over as chairman of Clydesdale Bank from Simon Hume-Kendall at the beginning of the year.

Now 50, he has a wealth of experience gained over more than 30 years in advising fast growing entrepreneurial companies and large corporates in the South East and overseas.

In 1995, after three years with KPMG in Kuala Lumpur, he joined its Maidstone office with particular responsibility for the firm's Owner Managed Business practice.

Three years later David was appointed senior partner for KPMG in Kent, a role he has successfully fulfilled for the past nine years.

Adrian Wenn, Clydesdale Bank's regional director (Southern), said: "There can't be many people in the business community who do not know David either personally or by reputation.

"His years of experience advising businesses of all sizes on the most effective route to success means that he is ideally placed to join our team of business bankers.

"I would also like to publicly thank Simon Hume-Kendall, who has worked tirelessly and been an important factor in the success of our offices across Kent, Sussex and in the capital where he knows many business leaders."

Mr Hume-Kendall will be retained as an ambassador for Clydesdale Bank.

As chairman, David will work closely with Paul Saunders and Chris Winning, the managing partners at Clydesdale Bank's Financial Services Centres in Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, respectively and their teams.

Mr Forge said: "Over the past three years Clydesdale Bank has radically changed the banking environment through its approach to working with companies which are ambitious for growth. I have always been a fan of the bank's recognition of experience and expertise and am delighted to accept my new role."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

As one of the region's most respected business professionals, **David Forge** has spent more than 30 years guiding companies on the path to success. Here he talks about his career and his new role as Kent chairman of Clydesdale Bank



Here Mr Forge answers questions put by Kent on Sunday:

Q Was there some event, or circumstance, which started you on the road to high finance?

A Having been interested in numbers and mathematics throughout my school years I knew my career choice had to be something involving numbers.

So at 16 years old I left school and took a two year Business Studies course at Guildford – accounting just clicked with me from day one.

This, coupled with my increasing interest in business generally, meant a career in accountancy was the obvious choice for me.

I trained and qualified with a medium-sized firm which is now part of Wilkins Kennedy and in 1981 joined KPMG for what I thought would be for a couple of years.

After more than 26 fantastic years with the firm, it was time to seek new challenges and my role with Clydesdale Bank will be just that.

Q What skills did you pick up in the Far East, which you may not have acquired here?

A My three years in Malaysia with KPMG came as a bit of a surprise. The accounting profession was facing difficult times in 1991-92 when I was asked to go to Kuala Lumpur on overseas secondment with my young family.

I left the struggling UK economy to work in the booming Malaysian market, where double-digit growth was considered pedestrian.

Indeed, in just 12 months our work in Kuala Lumpur grew by almost 50 per cent and that presented new challenges – in particular, how to manage mega growth effectively.

I also learned very early on that throughout the Far East everything is negotiable and while we are better at this in the UK today than we were then, we still have much to learn.

Q Which personal attributes do you think make a successful entrepreneur?

A I have been fortunate enough to work with many highly successful entrepreneurs in the South East and overseas. The one thing they have all had in common is a vision for what they want to achieve and a passion to achieve it. Invariably this has involved hard graft and the careful management of financial risk, particularly in the early years. Rarely can entrepreneurs achieve success alone and therefore the recruitment of the best people is often key to their success.

Q Without naming names, what do you think has been your most difficult project, and why?

A There have been so many it is difficult to know where to start. One of the most memorable was my first public flotation of a successful owner-managed business in the East End of London in 1983.

This involved the coming together of two groups of companies with overseas interests and many technical accounting and company law issues to overcome. I spent six months working with some of the most capable professionals in the City on what was a truly inspirational deal.

Q If a young person asked your advice about setting up in business now, in the present economic climate, and what kind of service or manufacturing activity should they offer, what would you say?

A With recent turbulence in the financial markets it would be easy to say go away and come back in three or six months' time. However, over the years I have discussed many business opportunities with Young Enterprise companies in schools and young people who have been supported by the Prince's Trust, and I would say the key to success is to provide a product or service for which there will be consumer demand. Ideally, this will be in a niche area where competition is scarce.

Q How do you relax?

A Successful business people are often too focused on their companies and careers.

I have always been a firm believer that one should work hard and play hard, and if you can achieve both then perhaps the work-life balance is not as far out of sync as you may think.

To spend three or four hours with an existing or prospective customer on a golf course is time exceedingly well spent and great fun as well, although as with most golfers I seem to practice a lot without noticeably getting better!

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Darling's U-turn on capital tax increase

Good news for Kent small businesses. Chancellor Alistair Darling unveiled details of its proposed changes to capital gains tax (CGT) this week after bowing to pressure from business people to make concessions.

Ministers will scrap CGT taper relief from April 1 and set a single 18 per cent rate. But the government will reduce the rate to 10 per cent on gains of up to £1million to help small firms.

Plans to raise the rate met with fierce criticism from the Institute of Directors, the CBI and the Federation of Small Businesses. Small business owners have been especially annoyed.

UK freight in a jam, reveals new survey

TUNBRIDGE Wells-based Freight Transport Association (FTA) says latest Government figures showing a remorseless increase in traffic levels confirm its own research forecasting unacceptable congestion on the UK's primary trade routes.

It called on the Government to take urgent steps to provide more capacity by improved traffic management, widening motorways and building roads.

The traffic figures published by the Government yesterday echo the findings of FTA's Freight Future study carried out in 2005.

Traffic growth since 1997, and forecast on to 2015, is the result of increased car use rather than HGV movements, it says. Historically, freight traffic grew at about the same rate as the economy.

RBS backing for care home renovation

CARE home operator Nightingales is giving its Nettlestead home in Bromley an extensive facelift after receiving sizeable financial support from the Royal Bank of Scotland's (RBS) Healthcare Team in Maidstone.

This will bring the home up to the same standard of the Swinton-based firm's Reigate care home, which recently underwent a similar transformation.

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Firms told to join race for 2012 Games

By **TONY PATEY**
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SMALL businesses in Kent – especially Medway – should be on their starting blocks for getting a part of the action in contracts for the London 2012 Olympics.

Already, the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) has welcomed efforts by the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) to ensure that small businesses in Kent and Medway can compete for contracts.

The ODA has launched London 2012 Business Network, a website that will allow small businesses to register as suppliers, compete for subcontracting opportunities offered by large companies with Olympic contracts and get advice about how to meet criteria on corporate social responsibility.

The FSB is keen to ensure that small companies are not frozen out of the procurement process for London 2012 and has welcomed the initiative as a good first step.

Debasish Sen, the FSB's procurement spokesman, said: "The delivery of the London 2012 Games will provide opportunities for businesses of all sizes in many sectors.

"We welcome the launch of the London 2012 Business Network and urge small businesses to get involved.

"We are particularly pleased that large contractors will be compelled to make public, via the network, the subcontracting opportunities that will be most suited to smaller companies in Kent and Medway.

"But this does not guarantee that small businesses outside of large Olympic contractors' existing supply chains will actually get work.

"The ODA has made a good start with the London 2012 Business Network, but we will be keeping a beady eye on the process in the coming months and years to make sure it delivers genuine opportunities for small businesses."

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GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY: Kelly Holmes took her chance in 2004, but are businesses in Kent doing the same ahead of London 2012?

If you don't ask, you won't get

IT'S still taboo to use the s-word at work – no, not the three-letter one we all know and love and rhymes with tex, but salary.

So it's not surprising that people find it tough to initiate salary discussions with their employer.

Most employers have salary reviews either annually or every six months but that is not to say that you shouldn't speak to your boss if you feel your salary should be reviewed outside of these times.

Jason Greaves, head of commercial staffing at Manpower, said: "Often people feel awkward about asking for more money and put their trust and faith in their employers to pay them what they're worth.

"Nine times out of ten this is the case, however you should not sit back and assume it is. Get ahead of the game this year and do some homework on what the average salary is for your role."

This sometimes stressful process can be easily managed if you follow a few simple rules:

- Do your research: find out if your salary is in line with the national average for your industry and your level
- Gather evidence: make sure you can prove to your employer that you are worth a pay rise. Provide salary survey information, examples of great pieces of work you have done and new responsibilities you have taken on
- Get a meeting: Organise a meeting with your line manager to discuss your progress and position
- State your case: make your case compelling, clear and concise and demonstrate that you are worth every penny of that increase.

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Brewer joins BT's hotel wi-fi line-up

BT Openzone has linked up with Shepherd Neame, the oldest brewery in the UK, to install full-room high-speed wireless broadband (wi-fi) into each of its 13 hotels across Kent.

By **RICHARD PARSONS**
Business Publisher

BT's wi-fi service is now available in every bedroom, as well as public areas, allowing tourists and business travellers to experience the benefits of broadband throughout the hotel.

Recognising the importance of providing wi-fi services to guests, the Shepherd Neame management team looked to BT to deliver coverage which would cater to the growing demand for constant internet access.

Nigel Bunting, retail director of Faversham-based Shepherd Neame, said: "Having a comprehensive wi-fi network installed across Shepherd Neame hotels was an essential step forward for us.

"The service has been an instant hit with staff and hotel guests alike. The wi-fi technology has streamlined the running of the hotel, from reception through to the back office operations."

Shepherd Neame has always taken a proactive stance when it comes to adopting new and state-of-the-art technology.

In 2004 the brewer was named Kent Technology Company of the Year for 'Beer and Broadband' at the Kent Business Awards after it had teamed up with Telabria, a specialist wireless broadband provider, to transform traditional village pubs into technological hubs of communication by bringing cutting-edge technology to the Kent villages Doddington, Wye and Bridge. The pubs in these areas piloted a scheme, called RuralMesh, where broadband at that time was not available.

Commenting on the tie-in with Sheps, Chris Bruce, BT Openzone general manager, said: "While we have many partnerships with big hotel brands, we are pleased to be working here in Kent with this niche chain.

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"We know it is important for them to be able to provide wi-fi access to guests in today's connected market place. We are delighted to partner with Shepherd Neame in delivering a service which not only benefits guests but also aids its staff in the smooth running of the hotels."

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The high-speed agenda

WHILE on the topic of broadband technology and subject to agreement with Ofcom, the telecoms regulator, it looks likely Ebbsfleet will be the first community in the UK to benefit from access to fibre-optic cable for their broadband rather than the standard copper wiring giving them broadband speeds up to a staggering 100Mbit/s.

This will bring huge benefits for residents and businesses in Ebbsfleet Valley in terms of download and upload speed and will deliver, at least to some homes and businesses in the UK, the sort of speed of connection enjoyed in countries such as South Korea, Japan and America.

Steve Robertson, head of BT Openreach, which is providing the fast connections, said: "Ultra fast broadband is a key future technology that will allow our businesses to innovate, grow and create wealth as well as providing even greater options for consumers."

He added that Ebbsfleet would be "our first deployment of fibre rather than copper to residential customers on a new-build site. It will enable communication providers to gauge what demand exists for very high-speed broadband, and to assess what commercial models may be appropriate in the future."

So while good news for Ebbsfleet and a compelling USP for the developing Eastern Quarry, this move is already attracting great interest particularly from the business community at large who, if not already, will soon be putting pressure on both Ofcom and BT to quickly move to make the fibre technology more readily available.

Business will rightly argue that without the faster connectivity they will lose the competitive edge, and this argument will be reinforced by the fact that France and Germany are planning large-scale fibre networks.

So we will look with interest at developments and Ofcom's response but already there is a sense of déjà vu given the time it took for all parts of Kent to become broadband enabled some years ago as there are again concerns the new technology will not cover rural areas.

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Confidence in region's finances at lowest ebb

By **TONY PATEY**
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CONSUMER confidence in the current and future economic situations in the South East has fallen to an all-time low, says a new quarterly survey published this week.

The Nationwide Building Society's quarterly Consumer Confidence Index shows that confidence is unsettled in the South East, having fallen seven points to 83 in the last three months of 2007 – an all-time low for the region.

Less than a third (30 per cent) of people in the South East are positive about the current economic situation and less than one in 10 (seven per cent) are confident about the future economic situation – making the region the least confident region for the second consecutive quarter.

However, sentiment in the South East about the current employment situation remained static with three in five (59 per cent) people confident about the current availability of jobs.

Looking ahead, confidence in the future employment situation also fell eight points, leaving only two fifths (41 per cent) of people in the South East positive about future job availability.

Confidence about making major purchases such as a house or a car fell for the third consecutive quarter, by five points, to an all-time low. Just one in eight people (12 per cent) in the South East are positive about making such a purchase.

Sentiment about buying household items such as a fridge or washing machine also fell for the third consecutive quarter, but this time by seven points – making the South East one of the least confident regions in the UK.

Only a third (34 per cent) thought now was the right time to purchase household items.

Rosemary Callender, Nationwide's consumer confidence spokeswoman, said: "Continued uncertainty in the financial markets, record oil prices, rising food prices and slowing house price growth all seem to have contributed to deterioration in people's confidence over the past three months."

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A time for thanks

TUNBRIDGE Wells chartered accountancy firm Creaseys is celebrating a rather unusual 100th birthday – its relationship with NatWest.

The award-winning firm of business and tax advisers, serving customers across the South East, including Kent, was set up in 1868 by Robert Creasey in London, and for the last century it has banked with NatWest.

Sarah Hilliard is the firm's most recent NatWest commercial manager in Tunbridge Wells, and she held and hosted a private lunch and presented a clock and wine to the Creasey's senior team.

Ms Hilliard said afterwards: "Clearly accountancy has changed in the last 100 years and no doubt will do so even more over the coming years.

"However, consistency has been maintained in the quality of the tax and business advice given by Creaseys, its traditional values and service to clients, blended with a modern and forward-thinking approach."

She said NatWest, which was founded back in 1834, was proud to be associated with "such a prestigious accountancy firm".

"I wish them all the very best over the next 100 years."



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GOLD: Churchill chairman and group MD, Spencer McCarthy with Steton Associated Words Ltd's Tony Badger

TWO Kent construction companies this week won awards at a special ceremony staged by a retirement development firm.

Steton Associated Works Limited based in Tonbridge, won the Gold award in the category of South East Subcontractor of the Year and JS Rivett Drywall in Whitstable were presented with the Bronze.

The awards were presented by Churchill Retirement Living Awards. Now in the third year, the awards were launched to reward and recognise excellence within the workplace and to show appreciation to the companies that work closely with Churchill.

MIKE Kilgour, who founded MKA Projects Ltd (MKAP) chartered quantity surveyors and project managers firm in 2000, has sold his share in the company to the remaining two key shareholders and directors – Aran Brooks and Jon Seymour.

Mr Kilgour has also resigned as company secretary and is no longer involved at the firm.

The decision – described as "very amicable" – was taken over a period of months leading up to the end of 2007 and enables Mr Kilgour to focus on developing his already very successful separate architectural practice, MKA Chartered Architects Ltd.

Although formal ties between the two firms are now broken, MKAP, of Kings Hill, West Malling, says it looks forward to a "continued good working relationship" with Mr Kilgour in a professional capacity.



TAKING CHARGE: Jon Seymour and Aran Brooks are now the key shareholders and directors of MKA Projects Ltd



NEW WHEELS: Special works carpenter Reg Keen shows off Morgan Ashurst's new branded vehicles

THE special works team of Morgan Ashurst, formerly Bluestone, based at Station Road in Ashford, proudly shows off smart new vehicles following the company's launch.

The rebranding of the fleet follows Morgan Ashurst's parent company's acquisition of Amec plc's national construction and civil engineering business Design and Project Services (DPS). The construction division of DPS merged with Bluestone to form the new Morgan Ashurst business.

Danny Laing, Morgan Ashurst area manager, said: "Our special works team undertakes a variety of projects including extensions, refurbishments, insurance repair work, small civil engineering works, as well as planned maintenance and improving access for the disabled.

"All of our work is locally based and we value the long-standing relationships we have with many of our clients."

Creative change for spinal charity

STREAMLINING its communications is UK charity, Aspire. For the first time in its 25-year history it has hired a single agency to undertake all of its marketing communications – Kent-based Adams Creative.

It won the six-figure account following a nine-way pitch. Aspire works with people with spinal injuries to help them live an independent life.

Until now, all of the charity's communications were undertaken by different agencies, resulting in a fragmented message.

Aspire chief executive officer, Brian Carlin, said: "We chose Adams Creative because it is important for us to have a consistent brand image with professional and effective communications."



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Banking team offers GTS the ideal package

A SUCCESSFUL Kent company has just clinched a deal with a major bank which will smooth its strongly growing trade abroad.

East Peckham-based GTS Europe Ltd, specialist suppliers of machinery, technical advice and ideas and service to the corrugated packaging industry, will be getting support from NatWest's South East international banking team.

Every firm has a fairly general, usual trade cycle, and cash flow is always a major factor in making sure there's enough in the bank to cover work-in-progress and expenses.

The NatWest team, led by Michele Coomber and Adam Turrell, was asked to come up with ideas to finance GTS Europe's trade cycle.

The solution was to recommend transferable letters of credit. These are used in high-value international trade in deals between a supplier in one country and a wholesale customer in another so that the exporter gets paid by redeeming them.

GTS Europe was so impressed it has since switched all of its banking facilities to NatWest

Options

Formed in 2000, GTS specialises in supplying machinery to corrugated packaging firms involved with packing large items predominantly to the UK and Europe. It imports from around the world, the Far East in particular.

David Williams, GTS managing director, said: "We are winning a significant amount of contracts and to ensure we can support our customers effectively while also protecting our own cash-flow requirements, we have been impressed with the number of options and support both Michele and Adam have provided.

"One of the keys to successful international trading is ensuring you can meet the expectations of your customers while also prudently managing the funding gap for your company. With the support of NatWest we are now able to do this."





TAKEOVER: Myfootballclub.co.uk has bought Ebbsfleet United for £635,000

Fleet internet buyout start of a new era

THE takeover of Ebbsfleet United by 27,000 website members could spark more deals of its kind in the future, according to the site's creator Will Brooks.

The Gravesend side became the first football club in the country to be bought by a website community this week in a £635,000 takeover.

The deal was finalised on Wednesday after 95 per cent of members that decided to vote agreed to Ebbsfleet being the club of their choice.

Brooks said: "It has been an exhausting process and everyone deserves a rest. The turnout for the vote was fantastic and I hope that now we can really start to improve everything at the club."

This is a new concept for sport as the takeover was the first of its kind in Britain. It allows members to involve themselves in making decisions affecting the running of the club. Brooks believes that in the near future more clubs may adopt this approach if it proves successful.

He added: "The real strength of this concept is to get fans as close to the football club as possible. This way there will be no conflict between the fans and the board that can be seen at a number of football clubs today. We believe it will be successful and more clubs will follow this way of running a team."

Fleet Trust Supporters Group chairman Jessica McQueen was sceptical about the takeover at first, but now finds herself delighted it has finally been completed – even buying a stake in the club herself.

She said: "It's excellent news. It has been difficult to know what would happen when the takeover was originally announced.

"It has taken longer than everyone had hoped for it to be completed.

"I was starting to worry but I have now met a few of the members on away trips and they are taking this opportunity of running the club seriously."

Call-up for city U16s

HOCKEY: TWO Kent schoolboys have come through national trials and will line up for the England under-16 hockey team next month.

Goalkeeper Dircon Stubbings, of Kent College, Canterbury, and Ross Gilham-Jones, of Harvey Grammar School, are in the squad that will travel to Dublin for matches against the Republic of Ireland next month.

The pair were selected after exhaustive training sessions with other hopefuls at Lilleshall, Nottingham and Bisham Abbey.

Denly aims to put bowlers in a spin

Young county star highlights batting goals

By **GLENN PEARSON**

KENT opening batsmen Joe Denly admits he still has a lot to prove at the county, but is not concerned about the pressure of the notorious second season syndrome.

The 21-year-old jetted off to India on Wednesday with the England Lions squad looking to push his claim for a place in the Test squad. Having just seen team-mate James Tredwell called up for the One-Day squad, Denly knows that a few big scores in India and another good season for Kent could put him in the frame for the opening berth still left vacant by Marcus Trescothick.

Denly has spent much of the close season fine-tuning his skills with the England Performance Programme, which included working in the nets at Loughborough and playing two competitive games in India.

The trip, according to Denly, was an opportunity to work on a few things that he felt prevented him from going on to make big scores last season.

He told Kent on Sunday: "The biggest thing for me to work on was playing spin. Having looked back on the summer, I needed to have more scoring options and to be more solid and to get through it when the spinners come on, so I can build a big innings.

"In the summer I got a lot of starts where I had got through the new ball and I had worked hard to get through it, and then when the spinner came on I found ways of getting out cheaply, which was really frustrating.

"It is a massive part of building on my game as I am looking to dominate spinners to help convert starts into big scores."

The Kent youngster worked with coaches Martin Moxon, David Parsons and Ashley Giles – who is now an England selector.



Picture: ADY KERRY

IN THE FRAME: Joe Denly hopes a successful second season will increase his chances of an England Test spot

Denly welcomed the appointment, as Giles has recently retired from the game giving him an insight into most of the players' capabilities on the county circuit.

He said: "I think he is a great guy who is really easy to talk to and is always willing to talk to you about your game. I think it will be great for England.

"I don't know how it will work with him being head coach at Warwickshire, but I am sure a few players might be attracted to go and play for Warwickshire now."

After scoring more than 1,000 runs last summer, which included a fine 115 not out against Shane Warne's Hampshire and 83 from 90 balls for the Lions against a full-strength India side, there were many plaudits for the young batsman who filled the spot left by the retired David Fulton.

However, Denly admits there is pressure to prove 2007 was not just a flash in the pan.

"There have been a few whispers about second season and stuff like that, but that doesn't faze me at all," he said. "The experience I have had with the England Lions has made me feel like I have progressed my game more, so I am looking forward to getting stuck in. I think there is always pressure put on me, but with the strength in our squad there are always going to be players pushing for my position. There will be pressure on me to perform but the quicker I learn about what I can and can't do with my game, the better I will be."

Denly revealed that he expects to spend his career playing at the St Lawrence ground and is excited about Kent's chances this season.

He said: "I think if you look at our squad, I think it is frightening really the strength we have. I think we are capable of doing anything this year.

"I love playing for Kent and it was a dream to play last year and win a trophy and to taste that has made me want it even more."

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Gray the missing link, says Pardew

CHARLTON Athletic chief Alan Pardew believes new recruit Andy Gray is the missing link that will turn his promotion pretenders into Premier League certainties, ***writes Matt Wright.***

The Addicks finalised the permanent move of the striker from Burnley on Friday for an initial £1.5m fee.

Pardew feels the frontman is the perfect replacement for injured forward Svetoslav Todorov, who suffered a season-ending knee injury in October.

"We haven't coped well without Toddy's link-up play," admitted the boss. "Especially when teams defend deep and in numbers and try to make the game as ugly as possible.

"Losing Toddy has cost us at least four or five points, particularly at home, and that would have put us very close to the top of the table.

"We've got a new link man now in Andy Gray and although it took a long time to get him in, I'm delighted, and hopefully he can fulfil that role for us."

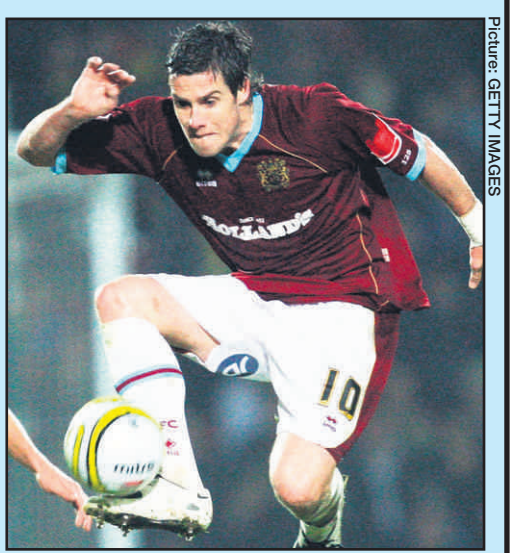
Gray, who arrived at The Valley with 13 goals for the Clarets under his belt this season, made his Charlton debut as a second-half substitute against Watford eight days ago after initially signing an emergency loan deal.

The 30-year-old was cleared to play by the Football League just hours before kick-off, and he almost won the game for the Addicks, only for his late glancing header to be well saved by Hornets goalkeeper Richard Lee.

"I wanted to come to Charlton as soon as I heard the club was interested in me," said Gray, for whom the Addicks might pay a further £500,000 based on whether the club achieves Premier League status.

"Alan Pardew made it very clear he wanted me and went out of his way to show me that.

"I'm now at a club that was in the Premier League for a long time and has a great chance of getting back there. I couldn't ignore that opportunity."



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LINK PLAY: New Charlton signing Andy Gray

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DREAM JOB: Gary Paffett, test driver for the McClaren Formula One team



Fast track to success

McLaren test driver Gary Paffett tells TOM HOWARD how he learnt to drive at Kent's Buckmore Park

MOST 10-year-olds who get a go-kart for Christmas dream of being a Formula One driver when they grow up.

For Gary Paffett, the dream became reality – but the Bromley-born racer puts it down to time spent at Buckmore Park in Chatham, learning how to drive and more importantly, how to overtake.

The 27-year-old believes that since his first drive in a go-kart around Bromley Sports Ground Car Park, he was destined to become a Formula One driver like heroes Ayrton Senna and Nigel Mansell.

He began racing karts at the Buckmore Park circuit from an early age. He competed against rivals who have now become household names such as Jenson Button and Lewis Hamilton.

Stepping stone

He said: "Karting at Buckmore Park was a really good stepping stone in my racing career. The circuit has changed an awful lot since I began racing there in my early years. The track is a good base in order to start learning about how to race. I learnt a lot about race craft, which has helped me progress in my racing career.

"With karting you probably do more overtaking in one race than you would do in a year's worth of racing. It is the best formula to learn how to overtake. You do learn how to race but I have to say that your racing style changes as you grow up. Today, if I raced Lewis, he would drive a lot differently to how he drove back then."

Paffett was spotted as a potential talent after winning the British and European Karting Championships in 1993. He was scouted by Formula One giants, McLaren.

Since then, his racing career has gone from strength to strength as he worked his way through the lower formulas.

He said: "I did not come from a very wealthy family, which made it more difficult to get into the better drives. The way I got to where I am was to master each championship I entered and win it. I think too many drivers these days rush through the formulas without mastering the winning process."

After winning the German Formula 3 championship in 2001 and the DTM Touring Car Championships in 2005, McLaren finally offered a role. His dream of entering the Formula One fraternity came true as he became the team's test driver. Now in his third season in the seat, he hopes one day he will get a chance to race as an F1 driver.

This year he believes McLaren stand a good chance of winning both the Drivers and Constructors championships, after what he describes as a "difficult year" last season.

He said: "This year at McLaren I think we have to continue where we left off last year. We had a fantastic year in 2007 on the circuit, but it was a hard season with the off-track problems. It was difficult for the whole team."

This season, Paffett hopes to regain his DTM title, as well as fulfilling his role with McLaren, although he admits this is proving difficult and he may have to concentrate his time with the F1 team.

He said: "I wouldn't say my work interferes with my racing, but it doesn't allow me much time as I would like to race."

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Matt's new sprint goal

MOTORSPORT: British Sprint Champion Matt Oliver hopes to retain the title after dominating in 2007.

The 22-year-old competes in the sprint discipline, in which drivers compete against the clock over one lap on motor racing circuits across the UK.

Oliver, from Maidstone, travels all over the country competing at circuits in a Formula One-powered single seater.

He enjoyed meeting two of his sporting heroes, as he picked up his championship trophy at Motor Sports Association's annual Night of Champions this week.

He said: "It was great to mingle with some of the sport's biggest stars. I spoke to Damon Hill and Lewis Hamilton, who was excellent. He is really down to earth."

Brands' Olympic aim



MOTORSPORT: Brands Hatch could be used as a training camp for international teams in the run-up to the 2012 Olympics.

The track is hoping to host athletes from overseas as they undertake last-minute training for their events.

Brands chief executive, Jonathan Palmer, said: "This is a big deal for Brands Hatch, our facilities are world-class and we are used to looking after teams from all over the globe.

"We could attract top track and field teams to train at the circuit and our greenfield site could accommodate training for sports such as archery.

"Hosting an Olympic team would also be great news for local businesses, with the teams requiring hotels and other services."

More than 750 towns and cities across the UK have applied for training camp status. Brands bosses will find out later this year if they will be picked as hosts.

City fans to air views

FOOTBALL: Canterbury City supporters have the chance to give their opinions on the club's proposed new home.

Canterbury council has released its draft corporate plan which, among other large-scale projects, details plans for the new football centre.

The centre is intended as a training ground and community resource, as well as providing a long-awaited home for the city's team.

Supporters can comment on the football centre proposal and any other part of the plan until Thursday, February 21.

Views can be put forward via the website – www.canterbury.gov.uk – or in writing to policy and improvement, Canterbury council, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW.

Stimson seals Richards signing

WITH less than a week until the transfer window closes, Gillingham boss Mark Stimson has finally made his first permanent signing – bringing Garry Richards in from Southend United.

The 21-year-old centre-back signed a deal on Friday to keep him at Priestfield until 2010 and he went straight into the squad for yesterday's game against Walsall.

He said: "This is a fresh challenge for me and I cannot wait to get started. This is a cracking opportunity at a good club. I wasn't getting as much football as I wanted at Southend so I'm looking to come here and get straight into the side."

Richards joined Southend from Colchester United last summer but had only made eight starts for the Shrimpers in League One this term.

He has also played for Brentford on loan and in 2005 spent three months at Gravesend & Northfleet.

Gills' defence was also strengthened this week when Reading agreed to extend Adam Bygrave's loan deal until the end of the season.

Signing a striker remains a priority for Gills. They have so far been unable to lure a goalscorer to Priestfield, with top target Stuart Fleetwood this week declaring he was staying with Forest Green Rovers.



NEW ARRIVAL: Gills boss Mark Stimson (right) with new signing Garry Richards

A bid for Rushden & Diamond's striker Simeon Jackson was turned down last week, but the Gills have gone back with a higher offer and are awaiting news from the club.

Meanwhile, Luke Freeman's move to Arsenal is almost complete. The 15-year-old became Gills' youngest-ever player when he made his debut in November and is on the verge of a dream move to the north London giants.

Stimson said: "It is close – a matter of hours now rather than weeks or days. I'm sure once an agreement is signed everyone connected with Gillingham will wish him all the best.

"We won't forget him making his debut here. Hopefully he won't forget us because you never know, we might need him at some stage in his career and he might need us."

The Gills boss is expecting to remain busy right up until the transfer window closes at midnight on Thursday. Six years on from its introduction into English football, Stimson is not a fan of the system.

He said: "I think all managers would like to be able to trade all the way through the season because it makes it easier and it doesn't get as hectic.

"You end up leaving messages on phones and it does become difficult because you also have the games, which are the most important thing, so you don't want to get too tied up on the phone."

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‘I THOUGHT KIRSTY WAS GOING TO DIE’

Golfer Dani saves pal’s life then has to take her place in World Cup



TRAUMATIC: Dani Masters had to play in the Women’s World Cup of Golf in difficult circumstances after team-mate Kirsty Taylor collapsed in their hotel room

EXCLUSIVE

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

DANI Masters has revealed how she saved a team-mate’s life just days before having to take her place for England in the Women’s World Cup of Golf.

While playing at a pro-am tournament in Spain, Masters walked in to discover Kirsty Taylor on the floor of their hotel room, seconds from death.

Despite seeing her good friend in such a distressing situation, the Maidstone golfer acted quickly and used basic first aid to save Taylor’s life.

She said: “She had stopped breathing and had turned bright blue. I put her in the recovery position and opened her airway because she had swallowed her tongue – it was the scariest thing I have ever seen in my life.

“As soon as she started breathing I just burst into tears because I thought she was going to die.”

Tumour

Masters learned the skills which saved Taylor’s life when training as a child welfare officer before becoming a professional golfer.

The pair flew back to the UK the following day, where Taylor was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

The shocking news came a day before the 36-year-old was scheduled to fly to South Africa, where she was due to compete in the Women’s World Cup of Golf.

With Taylor recovering from successful brain surgery to remove the cancer, Masters was selected to represent England in her place. While under normal circumstances this would be a great honour, the 24-year-old travelled to South Africa with mixed emotions.

She told Kent on Sunday: “It was awful, Kirsty’s great and we get on so well. I knew how excited she was about going to the World Cup.

“To not only be told you can’t go but then also to find out you have a tumour must have been devastating.

“It was difficult because I was obviously concerned for her but also excited to get the call-up, but then that made me feel guilty. I just didn’t know how to feel.”

A day after receiving the news, Masters arrived in the luxurious Sun City resort near Johannesburg. But before she could start preparations for the tournament she came down with a chest and ear infection.

The illness confined her to the hotel for four days, only playing two rounds of nine holes before the competition began.

Playing with good friend Trish Johnson, who was also at the tournament where Taylor suffered the seizure, the England team defied their lack of preparation with a five-under par round of 67.

A 76 in the second round ended any hopes of a title bid, but the pair finished strongly in the final day to end up in 15th place.

Playing in a team rather than as an individual is rare for golfers and Masters enjoyed the change.

She said: “I just absolutely loved it because it is not all about you. It’s almost a relief, you get excited about someone else holing a long putt and I think that’s really nice.

“It was a fantastic experience and to be around top-class players was great.”

It was not the first time the Chart Hills member had played for her country, after competing in the Curtis Cup – the prestigious amateur competition where Great Britain and Ireland take on the United States.

Ahead of her third season as a professional, Masters has several goals she wants to achieve. While a debut win on the Ladies European Tour is the priority, she also dreams of making the European team at next year’s Solheim Cup, the female equivalent of the Ryder Cup.

She said: “It is something I am going to work hard to get into next year. I really think I am going to be hungry enough to get a first win and get enough points to break into the team.”

The 2008 season begins next week with the Women’s Australian Open in Melbourne, where Masters will hope all the noteworthy events happen on the course.

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